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WASHINGTON.

PROGRESS OF CONGRESSIONAL BUSINESS.

The Naval Appropriations Passed in the House.

The New Finance Bill Passed by the Senate.

ICELANDIC OPINIONS ON ALASKA.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22, 1874.

The Naval Appropriations.

The House took up the Naval Appropriation bill this afternoon, and passed it in two hours and with no material amendment. It is the first time that a bill of such importance was passed so quietly. The House has now passed and sent to the Senate two of the large appropriation bills, a thing that never occurred before within two weeks after the assembling of Congress. There was no general debate on the bill, but some of the paragraphs were pretty freely discussed, the Democrats attacking the management of the Navy Department, while the Republicans defended it. The policy seems to be to put all the appropriation bills through without allowing general debate.

Going Home for the Recess.

There is a good prospect that the House will be without a quorum to-morrow, as a number of members have already gone home, and between forty and fifty more obtained leave of absence this afternoon. It is very evident that nothing would be accomplished by the refusal of the Senate to pass the resolution for a recess, because a number of members had made their arrangements to spend the holidays at home, and will leave the city, recess or no recess.

Icelanders and Alaska.

A committee of Icelanders who recently visited Alaska for the purpose of judging of the adaptability of their countrymen to its climate, and the character and extent of its resources and products, give the results of their observations in a report to the President of the United States, in which they speak in the most favorable terms of that remote territory, which report will probably induce emigration on the part of their countrymen to our northwest corner.

The Recusant Witness.

The Committee of Ways and Means has an elephant on its hands in the person of Irwin, the recusant witness. They want to punish him for his refusal to answer, but fear that they will place themselves in the attitude of persecutors if they compel his attendance at the bar of the House, after the assurances given by his physicians, that it would be a most dangerous operation in the present condition of his health, to subject him to the excitement that would attend such a proceeding. They cannot well recede from the position they have taken with regard to him, and on the other hand, they fear the consequences of forcing him too far.

Passage of the New Finance Bill.

The Senate was in session until nearly seven o'clock this evening considering the new Finance bill, which was passed with a solid Republican vote, except Mr. Sprague, who voted with the Democratic minority. The Republican Senators were content to let the bill speak for itself, and therefore permitted the Democrats to monopolize the debate. The bill will be sent to the House to-morrow, but cannot be acted on by that body till after the holidays.

FOREIGN NEWS SUMMARY.

The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance yesterday was £115,000.

The publication of the French journal, *Le Pays* has been suspended by the French Government for two weeks.

The Japanese government is turning its attention to the establishment of a representative assembly, which project had been held in abeyance during the Chinese war.

All the Powers having accepted the invitation to the International Code Conference, Russia has issued a circular asking them to present their recommendations as to the time of meeting.

Advices from Corea state that the government there is wholly in the hands of a young man, twenty-four years of age, and that trade with China has been resumed under strict conditions.

A dispatch from Berlin states that the German men-of-war, Albatross and Nautilus, have been ordered to remain at Santander and demand satisfaction of the Carlists for their attack upon the German brig Gustav.

The steamships State of Indiana, from New York, Moravia, from Portland, and Hecla, from Boston, have arrived at London. The Deutchland, from New York, has arrived at Southampton, and the Oceanica, from New York, has arrived at Queenstown.

Prince Bismarck has moved, in the North German Federal Council, that an extradition treaty be concluded with the United States, which shall replace all similar treaties now existing between that country and the various German governments.

Venezuela advices report that a battle has taken place in Barquisimeto between the Government troops and the insurgents under General Colina lasting eighty-four hours. The killed and wounded number seven or eight hundred. Both parties claim the victory.

It is reported that the Japanese government will undertake the mail service between San Francisco and Japan next year. Whether this will be done by forming a new steamship company in opposition to the Pacific Mail Company, or by contracting with that company, is not known.

The *North German Gazette* publishes a story to the effect that a French workman, named Duchesne Poncelet, sent a letter to a French Archbishop, in 1873, offering to kill Prince Bismarck for $12,000. The Archbishop informed the French Government, which placed Poncelet under surveillance, and informed Prince Bismarck of the so-called plot.

Alfonzo, the Prince of Austurias, in replying to the address of the Spanish grandees, says that a monarchy alone can terminate the disorders and uncertainty which prevail in Spain, and a majority of the people of Spain are agreed, and have declared their opinion that he only is the rightful representative of the Spanish monarchy.

European Markets.

LONDON, December 22, 5 P. M.—Consols for money 91¾@91⅞; for account 92@92⅛. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865, 106½; do, 1867, 107; 10-40's, 104; new 5's, 103. New York Central 93; Erie 25; do preferred 42. Tallow 48s. Refined petroleum 9¼@9½d. Turpentine 26s.

PARIS, December 22.—Rentes 61 francs 60 centimes.

LIVERPOOL, December 22.—Cotton quiet; middling upland 7¾@7⅞d; Orleans 7⅞d. Sales 10,000 bales; American, 5,700; speculation and export, 2,000. Breadstuffs firm; California club white wheat 10s 4d@10s 8d; red Western spring 8s 8d@9s 3d; red winter 9s 6d@9s 9d. Receipts of wheat for the past three days 22,000 quarters, of which 20,000 were American. Corn 39s 3d@39s 6d. Peas 43s 9d. Beef 79s.

ANTWERP, December 22.—Refined petroleum 27¼ francs.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day.—For the Lower Lake region, local rain, followed by partly cloudy weather, south or west winds and rising, followed by falling barometer. For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, partly cloudy and warmer weather, with southeast to southwest winds, and slight changes in the barometer. For the Middle States, clear or clearing weather, rising temperature, southwest or northwest winds and stationary or rising barometer during the day.

The chief witness in the Sterrell cadetship sale case is missing.

President Grant has pardoned Benoni Howard, the counterfeiter.

The steamship State of Georgia, from Glasgow, has arrived at New York.

Sadler, the English oarsman, has agreed to row Brown in June or July next.

Hon. Wm. D. Kelley denies that he is about to leave the Republican party.

Boston has contributed $5,510 to the relief of the Kansas sufferers from the grasshopper plague.

The Philadelphia Board of Trade has resolved to memorialize the Legislature against the usury laws.

Wm. Rodifer, a noted desperado, escaped from the Jeffersonville, Ind., penitentiary yesterday morning.

The New England Society of New York celebrated the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims last night.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Thomas H. Harris, as Pension Agent at Wheeling, West Virginia.

XLIII. CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22, 1874.

Mr. SCOTT presented a memorial of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governors of seven States to take steps for the improvement of the Ohio river and its tributaries, and calling the attention of Congress to the importance of making appropriations for such improvements. Referred.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN the pending District bill was laid aside for the consideration of the bill for the resumption of specie payment, which was agreed to and Mr. Sherman addressed the Senate in explanation of the provisions of the bill.

The discussion of the bill continued for some time, Messrs. Schurz, Thurman, Bogy and Bayard opposing the bill on the ground that the provisions for specie resumption were not decided enough. Amendments making currency legal tender for the payment of customs duties, providing for the destruction of the national currency, retired in accordance with the provisions of the bill, and fixing the time for the resumption of specie payments at 1876 instead of 1879, were offered and rejected.

Mr. SCHURZ in his remarks criticised the provisions of the bill as utterly inadequate, but said that he would vote for it as it contained a pledge for the resumption of specie payments. He moved to amend the third section of the bill, so as to provide that not less than two million dollars in legal tender notes shall be retired monthly by the Secretary of the Treasury; and that the legal tenders so retired shall be cancelled and destroyed. Rejected—yeas 10, nays 44. The bill was then read the third time and passed—yeas 32, nays 14, as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Boutwell, Carpenter, Chandler, Clayton, Cragin, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry (Michigan), Flanagan, Frelinghuysen, Hamlin, Harvey, Howe, Ingalls, Logan, Morrill (Maine), Morton, Oglesby, Patterson, Pease, Pratt, Ramsey, Sargeant, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Washburn, West, Wright—32. Nays—Messrs. Bogy, Cooper, Davis, Dennis, Goldthwaite, Hager, Hamilton (Texas), Johnston, Merrimon, Ransom, Sprague, Stevenson, Thurman, Tipton—14. Messrs. Cameron, Morrill (Vt.), and Windom, also would have voted for the bill, and were paired with Messrs. Kelly, McCreery, and Norwood, who would have voted against the bill. After executive session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

After the presentation of resolutions, Mr. GARFIELD asked unanimous consent to report and have passed a bill appropriating $30,000 to defray the expenses of the visit of King Kalakaua and suite, which was not granted.

Mr. DAWES presented a medical certificate to the effect that Richard B Irwin, the recusant witness in the Pacific Mail investigation, was not well enough to present himself at the bar of the House, and stated that the Committee of Ways and Means would not proceed further in that matter at present. He moved that the committee be authorized to hold sessions in New York in connection with the investigation.

The House then went in Committee of the Whole on the Naval Appropriation bill, which appropriates, in all about $17,000,000 for naval purposes.

During the discussion Messrs. CREAMER and CHITTENDEN, of New York, assaulted the administration of the navy-yards, charging corruption and fraud upon their management. They were replied to by Messrs. Hale, of Maine, Archer, Gooch and O'Neill, after which the committee rose, and the bill was passed.

Mr. DONNAN, from the Committee on Printing, reported a resolution to print 230,000 copies of the Agricultural Report of 1872, and 150,000 copies of that 1873, at a cost of about forty cents a copy. Passed.

After granting a number of applications for leave of absence, the House adjourned.

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The Democratic Committee of Seventy of New Orleans have issued an address to the people of the United States, in which the usual charges of military despotism and political usurpation are made against the Republicans and the United States authorities.

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The Tweed *habeas corpus* case was dismissed yesterday, and the prisoner remanded to custody. A writ of *certiorari* was subsequently granted by Judge Lawrence, which will be argued to-day.

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Mayor Havemeyer's will has been admitted to probate. The estate is estimated at from three to five million dollars. The heirs are his wife, six sons and two daughters.

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The father of Charley Ross offers five thousand dollars' reward for the return of the stolen boy, and promises to ask no questions.

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The Arkansas Legislature has authorized the issue of $2,500,000 bonds to pay floating debts and current expenses.

OHIO NEWS.

A hospital is under consideration at Akron.

The Salem *Republican* proposes a State convention of County Commissioners.

The Greene county fair grounds were sold at Sheriff's sale to David Miller for $5,000.

The new Enterprise Rolling Mill, at Youngstown, is about to commence operations.

A Bellefontaine man not forty-five years old yet, has obtained license to marry his fifth wife.

Bucyrus shipped on Saturday a car load of provisions and clothing to the Nebraska sufferers.

Steps are being taken to secure the location of a thrashing machine manufactory at Seville.

Krehl, Hauser & Co.'s tannery, at Niles, turns out 150 sides of leather a week and about 2,000 calf skins per year.

The Niles Iron Company have stopped their mill until matters improve. They claim they cannot run at a profit.

Miles Greenwood, a prominent Cincinnati capitalist and manufacturer, who has been dangerously ill, is now convalescent.

Recent transfers of stock in the Girard Rolling Mill Company have placed the financial strength of the concern beyond question.

Four hundred and forty-six destitute persons sought shelter in the Dayton station house, during the first ten days of the present month.

The Niles Rolling Mill employs one hundred and seventy-five men, with a monthly pay roll of $8,000. The works are running to their full capacity.

There are one hundred and eighty-three students in the Western Reserve College, at Hudson, as follows: Fifty-nine in the medical, sixty-four in the academical and fifty-eight in the preparatory department.

And now the Cleveland *Leader* has been to the printers' dress-maker, and comes out in a bright, clean new suit, which sets off ever so well. The *Leader* is a live paper, and, we are glad to know, very prosperous.

A baby farming establishment has been found at Corryville, near Cincinnati, where infants are taken in and done for on the most approved Dothboy's Hall principle. The children are not murdered; they merely die for want of attention.

William McConnell, an Irish laboring man, obtained a verdict of $1,800 last week against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, for injuries received a year ago while working in their employ in the erection of one of their new buildings in Newark. Both of his legs were broken by a falling beam.

Mrs. Susan Kumbler died recently at Miltonville, Butler county, aged ninety-five years. Her descendants were the following: Children, 10; grandchildren, 80; great-grandchildren, 176; great-great-grandchildren, 27. Of her descendants 67 are dead, who, added to the living, would make in all 360.

At Cincinnati, Appolonia Vetter, a woman eighty-five years old, living alone in a room, met a terrible death Saturday afternoon. She was preparing her dinner, and took from the stove a tea kettle full of boiling water. By some means she fell, and the contents of the kettle ran over her face and chest, killing her instantly.

Rev. W. H. Jeffers, of Wooster University, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Euclid street Presbyterian church, Cleveland, at a salary of $4,500. Dr. Jeffers' engagements with the University are such that he will be unable to assume his new charge until April 1, 1875, although he will occupy the pulpit during the holiday vacation.

A remarkable case of dropsy in the head was reported at the Academy of Medicine, Columbus, on Friday night. A child seven years of age died last week at the County Infirmary, of dropsy in the head, and a *post mortem* examination was held. Eleven and one-half pounds of water were taken out of the cavity of the brain. The skull measured twenty-eight and a half inches in circumference, being a great deal larger than the head of an ordinary grown person.

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What would Ward 1, Gloucester, Mass., be without the Wonsons? The Democrats support J. Warren Wonson for Alderman, and William S. Wonson for Councilman, and the Republican nominations include the following: Delegates to the Convention to nominate Mayor, Charles Wonson, Frederick Gerring, William C. Wonson, William S. Wonson, W. H. Wonson, 3d, Epes Davis, Jr., Gardnre K. Wonson; Alderman, William H. Wonson; Warden, Addison Wonson; Clerk, Charles H. Wonson; Inspectors, William C. Wonson, Samuel C. Douglass, William S. Wonson.

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Bill Smoot, of Pike county, Ga., says: "I hereby announce myself as a candidate for kurrener of your county. I do this because I believe the sivil rites bill will pass Congress and the offis will be worth something. People has laffed at it herefore, but as it's going to be worth something this time, I hope everybody won't be pitchin' in me for it."

CRIMINAL RECORD.

Harry Gallagher fatally shot Jacob Schlegelmilch yesterday morning at Mount Holly, near Lancaster. Gallagher, escaped.

A carriage blacksmith of Wheeling, named Welty, committed suicide yesterday morning by drowning. The cause was depression of mind from being out of work.

A. W. Hedges, postmaster at Lancaster Kentucky, was shot and killed in his office yesterday by his brother-in-law, Ebenezer Best. Family troubles are said to have originated the tragedy.

An aggravated case of abortion has been brought to light in Miamitown, near Cincinnati. The victim was Miss Belle Wirts, of that place. The abortion was produced by Dr. Hilts, of Greensburg, Indiana, and caused a speedy death, which, the doctor told her father, resulted from inflammation of the bowels. Suspicion was arroused, however, and during the funeral exercises an investigation was demanded, and a *post mortem* examination was made, resulting in the discovery of the crime. James Collins, the girl's lover, Mrs. Little, her sister, and Charles Little, her nephew, are charged with being accessories to the crime.

STATE NEWS.

The winter ice crop is being harvested in various parts of the State.

A book printed in 1604 was found in recent unearthed ruins in Lancaster.

Reading has a spectre which haunts the cinder-banks and is seen "in a lurid glare."

Pottstown calls the Sandwich king an "old kodger," and then asks him to come and see her.

Captain A. B. Scott died suddenly at Blairsville on Friday morning. He was the railroad agent at that place.

Judge John P. Baily died at the residence of his niece, near Kennett Square, on the 13th inst., aged seventy years.

Nathaniel Colyer, of Antis township, Blair county, has sued James P. Cherry for slandering his wife, damages $5,000.

In 1751 Reading contained 130 dwelling houses, 106 families and 378 inhabitants, though two years before it existed in name only, having but two or three houses.

Mr. Mahlon Pusey, an old citizen of Puseyville, Drumore township, Lancaster county, and proprietor of the store and mill at that village, died suddenly at his residence on Tuesday.

The Lebanon Council has not yet accepted the proposition of Hon. G. D. Coleman to contribute $4,000 toward the employment of the poor on the streets, provided the borough appropriates $8,000.

A fourteen-year-old son of Disisway South, of Perry township, Green county, had been wrestling with another boy, and having thrown him twice, was preparing for a third struggle, when he (South) fell dead.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has just been mulcted in $250 damages and costs, for the act of one of its conductors in ejecting a deaf mute bootblack from a car in in 1868, whereby he had his hand cut and lost a thumb.

A resident of Altoona is happy because he has in his possession a pair of traces that were used on one of the horses that was engaged in assisting to haul arms to John Brown, just previous to the Harper's Ferry insurrection.

The New Brighton *News* says: We are informed that the cutlery works received an order for 500,000 blades not long since, sufficient to keep their large force of hands at work for three months. Don't look like blowing out over there.

The sum of $17,000 has been subscribed by capitalists at Wilmore, for the purpose of starting a bank. As soon as the amount reaches $30,000 the banking association will be organized, and the stockholders will at once proceed to business.

Susan Fritz, of Amity township, Berks county, died on the 15th inst., from the effects of a diseased tooth. Her face became swollen in a fearful manner, was very painful, and finally affected her whole system, which resulted in death.

A little girl in Tamaqua found a pistol cartridge in the street, and took it to school with her, where she tried to get the bright metal top off for the purpose of putting it on her slate-pencil. There was an explosion, and the child's hands and face were badly lacerated.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has already begun a new iron structure to take the place of the old wooden bridge across the Delaware at Trenton, which has stood for seventy years, and was in its day considered the finest specimen of bridge architecture in the country.

The late George Labar, whose death at Stroudsburg we mentioned a few days since, left behind him 819 descendants. His father, who died at the age of a hundred and eleven years, married a second wife thirty-two years old when he was in his ninety-fifth year, and he outlived her.

The Gettysburg *Compiler* says: We are informed that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has leased the Short Line, Littlestown, and Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroad, and will commence operating the entire line as soon as the Short Line is completed, which will be about the first of April.

Henry Clay Metzgear, of Hanover, York county, convicted of sending through the mails articles to be used for malpractice and obscene literature, had his choice of three years imprisonment and $1,000 fine, or four years and $500 fine. He chose the former and was sentenced accordingly by Judge Cadwalader, in Philadelphia. He had made considerable money by the business.

The Allentown *Chronicle* says: During the month of November, chill and drear, 1874, there were distilled in Lehigh county 7,028 gallons of apple whisky, on which was paid a tax of seventy cents per gallon, amounting to $4,918 60. The total revenue of the Government from the apple whisky made in this county during September, October and November was $17,400.

A West Chester dispatch says that Charles T. Williams was arrested at that place, and committed to jail to await his trial, for malicious libel of the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of West Chester, which appeared in the New York *Sun* of the 5th inst. Hon. Joseph J. Lewis, Hon. William Darlington and John J. Pinkerton, Esq., appeared as counsel for the plaintiff. Williams, by his counsel, waived a hearing.

A mortgage of the Reading Coal and Iron Company to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, recorded in in Harrisburg the other day, covered two hundred and fifty printed pamphlet pages, containing one hundred and seven thousand words, which to record required the steady labor of a rapid writer for twenty-five days and a half. This instrument was recorded in about a dozen different counties where the Coal and Iron Company owns property.

Messrs. J. A. & E. J. Dubbs, and Thomas Elliott, of Franklin, are now erecting suitable buildings at the lower end of Buffalo street, in that place, in which they will soon commence the manufacture of a lubricating oil under an entirely new process. The works will have a capacity at first of about five hundred barrels per month. Five grades of lubricant, suitable for all kinds of machinery, from the lightest to the heaviest, will be manufactured by this company. The firm will be known as the Amber Oil Works.

The Centre *Reporter* says: "A witness, James Bell, had been subpœnaed to attend Court at Bellefonte and refused to attend on an attachment, but was afterward taken by the Deputy Sheriff. Judge Mayer decided that the witness having demanded his costs at time of service, and it having been refused or not paid, he could not be held for the cost of attachment, nor had the Court a right to issue an attachment in the case. This settles the vexed question of compulsory attendance, and establishes the fact in law that no witness is obliged to attend in a civil case until his costs have been paid in advance. In criminal cases the law may be different, as the Commonwealth is supposed to be good for the costs."

For more than a year the local option law has been in force in the town of West Chester, and the results are far from being as satisfactory as the temperance advocates anticipated, though pretty shrewd observers hold that they fairly illustrate the inevitable sequence to the strict enforcement of prohibitory laws. In West Chester many small clubs have sprung into existence. Their members are almost exclusively young men between nineteen and twenty-four years of age. A year ago these young gentlemen seldom drank a glass of intoxicating liquor; but now intoxicated young men are frequently encountered in the streets, and a larger quantity of intoxicating liquor arrives in West Chester than before the enforcement of the law. A brisk business is done by men who go about with a bottle of whisky in one pocket and a glass in the other, dispensing the spirits at ten cents a drink in lanes and alley ways.

A Reward is Offered

for a flour that will make as much or as good bread as the great White River, for the price.

The Texas and Pacific Railroad.

Col. Thomas A. Scott was interviewed, the other day, by a reporter of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, on the subject of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and made the following statements concerning that enterprise:

The facts as presented in the bill and memorial in aid of the Texas and Pacific Railway, and more fully in my statement before the Senate Committe on Railroads, are these: The aid asked for is a simple guarantee of interest, and of the principal, of the bonds of the road. Not one dollar of the proceeds of the bonds goes into the hands or control of the company, except as it represents an actual expenditure in the construction and equipment of the road, which expenditure is to be supervised by an officer or commissioner appointed by the government. If a less amount than $35,000 per mile will build the road, then only such less amount of bonds will be issued, so that there cannot be a dollar of profit to any one, or any taint of speculation connected with it.

The object is to secure the completion of the line on the most economical and efficient basis, and, in doing this, not only to aid the South and all interests connected with it, but also to aid the North quite as much by giving work to her unemployed thousands who now see winter approaching with no means of providing bread for their families. The rails, fastenings and materials required by this work would start our furnaces and manufacturing establishments, and infuse confidence where now exist only depression and great anxiety.

The measure is national in its results and has strong claims upon all thoughtful men for its support. It is a practical measure of reconstruction, fruitful of good results and beneficent in its influence. It settles the Indian question in the Southwest, puts an end to border outrages, and, by doing so, saves millions of dollars yearly to the government. No one attempts to dispute the facts, and I do not believe that the members of Congress who honestly believe that this a measure of practical economy and sound policy can be frightened from that position by mere cries used for political effect. At the present time, by a combination, the prices of travel and freight over the only existing routes are maintained at a much higher rate than a competition by other routes would necessarily cause, and in this way a large saving to the community and to the government would annually be made.

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The proposition to constitute the Indian territory a regular territory is growing in favor rapidly. Senator Schurz is the last reported accession, and it is said that other notable converts have been made in the Senate.

Election in the Twenty-Third Congressional District.

The election in the old Twenty-third Congressional district, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Hon. E. McJunkin, took place yesterday. In Allegheny City the greatest apathy was manifest, the vote in the various wards being very light. So little interest was taken in the result, apparently, that at the room of the Republican Club, where it was expected the returns would be sent, the attendance last evening at no time reached beyond a dozen persons, and by nine o'clock the room was deserted. Sufficient returns have not been received upon which to base an estimate of the vote, but it is certain that Col. John M. Thompson, the Republican candidate, is elected by a decided majority. We present herewith the returns from a number of the districts in Allegheny and elsewhere:

ALLEGHENY CITY.

	Thompson.	Nevin.	Baillie.
First ward	64	99	79
Second ward—1st dist	..	..	..
Second ward—2d dist	81	35	6
Second ward—3d dist	68	23	2
Second ward—4th dist	14	13	4
Third ward—1st dist	27	15	7
Third ward—2d dist	43	29	4
Third ward—3d dist	30	16	7
Third ward—4th dist	12	9	57
Third ward—5th dist	15	10	37
Fourth ward—1st dist	48	48	34
Fourth ward—2d dist	50	60	6
Fourth ward—3d dist	39	52	12
Fourth ward—4th dist	81	76	8
Fifth ward—1st dist	..	..	..
Fifth ward—2d dist	..	..	..
Fifth ward—3d dist	..	..	..
Sixth ward—1st dist	..	..	..
Sixth ward—2d dist	31	16	16
Sixth ward—3d dist	..	..	..
Seventh ward—1st dist	..	..	..
Seventh ward—2d dist	11	4	30
Seventh ward—3d dist	5	15	4
Eighth ward—1st dist	41	2	9
Eighth ward—2d dist	..	..	..
Ninth ward	..	..	..
Tenth ward	..	..	..
Eleventh ward	..	..	..
Sewickley borough	30	103	

The following was received from Butler county:

BUTLER, December 22, 1874.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

Butler borough gives Thompson 535; Nevin, 16; Butler township, Thompson, 82; Nevin, 2.

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Smythe's Balloon Almanac.

The public at last have an opportunity to enjoy the anticipated pleasure of perusing Billy Smythe's Balloon Almanac. The work is very handsomely gotten up, the illustrations and typographical execution being highly creditable. The illustrations are by our young artist, Mr. John W. Beatty, (from original hints by Smythe,) and engraved by Messrs. Beeson & Miller. We shall not attempt to describe the book in detail, as it is one of those unique productions which "must be seen to be appreciated." Sold everywhere for fifteen cents per copy.

The Poultry Exhibition.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Poultry Society will be held in old City Hall, commencing on Wednesday, January 13th, and closing on the evening of the 20th. The premium list is now ready for distribution, and copies can be had from the Secretary, A. A. Miller, in old City Hall, Market street, where books for entries are now open. The list embraces poultry, pigeons, pet animals, etc., and the premiums are quite liberal.

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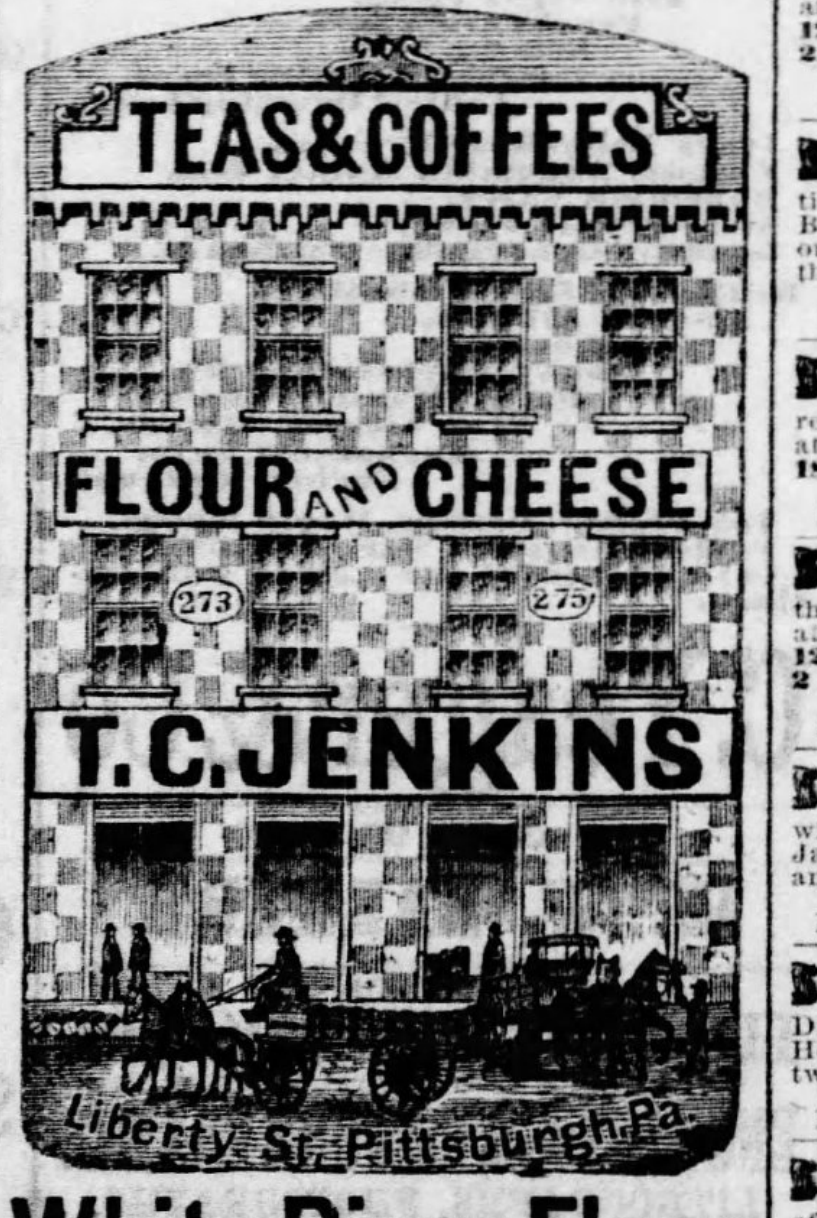

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CHRISTMAS — ST. PETER'S CHURCH, corner Grant street and Diamond. The enterprising congregation of this church are making most elaborate preparations for Christmas. The Church is to be decorated in a way more beautiful and artistic than ever.

On THURSDAY EVENING the annual "Children's Service" will be held. Carols and Anthems will be sung by the Choirs. There will be the distribution of Gifts from a Christmas Tree, and public catechising of the children. The services will commence at 6½ P. M.

On CHRISTMAS DAY there will be service at 10½ A. M., with administration of the Holy Communion and an appropriate Sermon by the Rector.

The public are cordially invited to attend these services.

$1,000 REWARD!

A Reward of One Thousand Dollars is offered by the Commissioners of Allegheny County for the Detection and Conviction of the Murderer or Murderers of JOHN A. OATMAN, Superintendent of the Duquesne Coal Company, who was murdered on the 16th of December last, at the Company's Works, Wilkins Township.

J. STUCKRATH,
J. G. MURRAY,
Commissioners.

Pittsburgh, December 21, 1874.

Advertisements on this page, under the several heads of WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR RENT, *&c., will be inserted at transient rates only*—TEN CENTS *per line for each insertion. No advertisement less than* FIFTY CENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED—EVERY PERSON TO GET their Photographs at BASSFORD'S, 10½ Sixth street. Prices reduced and satisfaction guaranteed.

WANTED—EVERY SPORTSMAN—To call or send for a price list of Rifles, Shot Guns, Revolvers, Ammunition, &c. Address J. H. JOHNSTON, Great Western Gun Works, 285 Liberty street, Pittsburgh.

WANTED—TO OIL MEN—TO EXCHANGE, for a few good producing interests in the lower oil field, first-class property in Philadelphia. Address J. C. JAMISON & CO., 104 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WANTED—MODELS—INVENTORS and others wanting Patent Office Models or Experimental Models of Iron, Wood or Brass to call at Keystone Pattern and Model Works of J. F. MILLER & CO., 68 Water street and 80 First avenue.

WANTED—PROPOSALS—FOR Building two three-story Brick Dwelling Houses, parties bidding to take two Building Lots in Thirty-second Ward as part pay on contract of the buildings. For further particulars apply to G. W. RANKIN, Real Estate Agent, 104 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WANTED—TO IRON AND STEEL MANUFACTURERS—By a Man just arrived from England, of ten years' experience in constructing Siemen's Regenerative Gas Furnaces in England and Wales, wishes a situation as Foreman in a similar Works. Thoroughly understands Plans and making Gas. Willing to work on moderate wages. Address Box A D.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—ROOMS—NICELY FURNISHED Rooms, with or without Board. Apply at No. 60 Ross street.

FOR RENT—ROOM—LARGE WELL lighted second floor Room, 44x60 feet, with good entrance, located on Smithfield street. The party holding it has a three year lease. For particulars address Box A. E., Commercial office.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSES—THE 4-story Warehouse, No. 193 Liberty street, between Sixth and Seventh streets; also Warehouse, No. 66 in Hays' block, Wood street, above Fourth. Possession 1st April. Inquire at 123 Liberty street, or of M. B. BROWN. MWF

FOR RENT—NO. 61 FOURTH AVENUE Office on first floor, with fire-proof Vault, Counters, &c., suitable for Banking, Insurance or other office; well lighted and heated; Washroom, Water Closet. Inquire at Merchants' and Manufacturers' National Bank. tf

FOR RENT—A HANDSOME BRICK Dwelling House, on Cliff street, Parlors, Dining Room and Kitchen on first floor; Gas, dry Cellar, 3 Bedrooms and finished Attic, Water and modern improvements. The Lot extends from street to street. Will be rented reasonable. Possession given immediately. For particulars apply to WM. EVANS, Commercial office.

FOR RENT OR SALE—NEW TWO-STORY Frame House, with Bay Window, containing 6 Rooms, Vestibule and Hall, Water in Kitchen; Lot 45x200, with Grapevines, &c., located on Grandview avenue, Mount Washington, Thirty-fifth ward, commanding the finest view in the city. Rent moderate to a good tenant. For particulars, &c., apply to E. ABEL, Commercial Counting Room.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—700 POUNDS MINION TYPE, nearly new. Will be sold at a bargain. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—AN OSGOOD DREDGE—Machinery and Boat in perfect order. Apply to ISHAM HENDERSON, Louisville, Ky.

FOR SALE—OAK TANNED LEATHER Belting and No. 1 "City Finish" Harness Leather at THORP & DUNN'S, 14 Market street.

FOR SALE—HARTLEY, McKEE & CO.'S Pure Castor Oil Belting Preserverd Guaranteed to be free from Rosinand Tar. (Manufactured by HARTLEY, McKEE & CO., No. 58 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa. w

FOR SALE—THE COVINGTON WINDOW Glass Works, at Covington, Pa., are offered for sale, or will sell a part interest, or join in a co-operative company. For particulars address B. F. HOWELL, Covington, Pa.

FOR SALE—PLANING MILL MACHINERY—Prices to suit the times. Every Machine guaranteed. Send for Descriptive Circular and price list. M. B. COCHRAN & CO., 121 Liberty street.

FOR SALE—ENGINES AND BOILERS—New and Second-hand, of all sizes, Stationary and Portable, from 2 to 60-horse power, now on hand. JAMES HILL & CO., corner Marion avenue and P., Ft. W. and C. R. R., Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—THREE NEW DOUBLE-FLUE Boilers, 20x36; twelve Portable Boilers, from 12 to 20 horse power; Engines from 4 to 86 horse power; one Hoisting Engine and Boiler. ANDERSON, MAXWELL & PORTER, 10 Park Way, Allegheny.

FOR SALE—PATENT REPORTS—A set of 61 Volumes, containing a complete list of Patents from the organization of the Government in 1790 to July 1, 1874. Price, $120. If preferred, $20 may be sent with the order, and the balance collected when the books are received by express, C. O. D. Address G. E. N., this office.

FOR SALE — FORTY SUPERIOR Second-hand Boilers, in good order, ranging from 30 inches to 44 inches in diameter, and 10 feet to 40 feet long; double-flued and cylinder. County Inspector's certificate of test with each boiler. Repairing done promptly at the West Point Boiler Works, No. 13 Water street. WATSON & MUNROE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR good city or country property—A number of valuable and well located Lots near South Chicago, and in close proximity to the Calumet River and different lines of Railroad. Those Lots are dry. The Calumet region is destined to be at an early day the manufacturing and commercial point of Chicago. For particulars apply to E. C. KEYS, 96 Fourth avenue, or FLAGG, DURANT & CO., 104 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR SALE—A SPLENDID FARM OF 128 Acres, two miles of Baden Station, Beaver county; 28 Acres in fine Timber; new Frame House of 6 Rooms; large new Barn; first class Orchard, 300 trees; nearly level; suits for Dairy Stock or Grain; well watered; Coal under it. Price $125 per Acre. We have some smaller Tracts for sale: 136 Acres in Indina county, price $6,000, and a 250 Acre Farm in Ohio, price $15,000, for exchange. STEVENSON & WITTISH'S Farm Agency, 198 Penn street, Pittsburgh, near St. Clair Hotel.

NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for the Renewal of Certificate No. 302 for Three Hundred Shares of Stock of the EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, issued to SARAH STEWART, and dated the 6th July, 1869, the same having been lost. ws

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF GAS AND GAS METERS FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY.—Desiring that the public should more generally avail themselves of the advantages of this office, I would give notice to persons desiring to have their Meters Tested to leave their orders at the office of their respective Gas Companies, or at my office, corner of Twenty-third and Smallman streets, and they shall receive prompt attention.
R. H. SMITH, Inspector.

ELECTION NOTICES.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, PA.—The Annual Election for Nine Directors for this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1875, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
J. D. SCULLY, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 17, 1874.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—The Annual Election for Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on the SECOND TUESDAY OF JANUARY, 1875, the 12th proximo, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
R. K. WILSON, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12 1874.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK—The Annual Election for Nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1875, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
JOSEPH LAURENT, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 19, 1874.

CITY NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PA.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, on TUESDAY, the 12th of January, 1875, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. W. TAYLOR, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—An election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, January 12, 1875, from 11 to 1 P. M.
W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK—The Annual Election for Nine Directors of this Bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1875, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

BANK OF INDUSTRY—THE Annual Election of Directors for this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 5th, 1875, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
M. HANRAHAN, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 15th, 1874.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1875, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M.
JOHN P. BEECH, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

TRADESMENS' NATIONAL BANK—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Bank, on TUESDAY, January 12th, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.
CYRUS CLARKE, JR., Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK—The Annual Election of Directors for this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1875, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.
F. M. GORDON, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

THE IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—The Annual Election for Thirteen Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1875, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M.
GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—An Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1875, between 1 and 2 o'clock P. M.
S. GEORGE, JR., Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 11, 1874.

MERCHANT'S AND MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 61 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, 12th day of January, 1875, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
W. A. SHAW, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE—ELECTION—The Annual Election for Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1875, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
JOS. H. HILL, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK—The Annual Electon of Directors for this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 46 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1875, between the hours of 12 M and 1 P. M.
A. LONG, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1874.

TO FAMILIES.

Persons wanting to Cure their own Hams can obtain the Green Hams from us.

F. Sellers & Co.,
Corner Penn and Tenth streets.

STEAMER MESSENGER!

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In Jewelry and **Silver-Ware** ours are New and Tasteful.

Our **French Clocks** in **Marble and Bronze** Cases, embrace many Rare Patterns.

In **Antique and Florentine Bronzes** and Articles of **Bijouterie**, which are of our own importation, our Stock in BEAUTY of DESIGN and VARIETY of STYLE, surpasses any former display.

We cordially invite the public to an examination of our Goods, and shall be most happy to exhibit them to all, whether visitors or purchasers.

E. P. ROBERTS,

16 FIFTH AVENUE.

Thirty-Ninth Semi-Annual Report

OF THE

Dollar Savings Bank,

124 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

LIABILITIES.	
Amount Due Depositors December 1, 1874	$3,681,956 57
Dividends Due December 1, 1874	102,165 99
Contingent Fund	170,268 52
Total Liabilities	$3,954,391 08
ASSETS.	
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	$2,729,962 97
Mortgage Interest Due	15,513 00
Bills Receivable	4,000 00
Stock in Pittsburgh Banks	71,634 04
U. S. 5-20 Bonds, 1868	350,000 00
U. S. Six Per Cent. Bonds, 1881	50,000 00
U. S. Six Per Cent. Currency Bonds	400,000 00
Real Estate	145,782 08
Bank Furniture, Safe, &c.	13,071 95
Cash in Banks and on Hand	174,427 04
Total Assets	$3,954,391 08

Present Number of Depositors 9,563, averaging $398 20 each.

December 1st, 1874.

The undersigned Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1874, and have examined the Assets of the Bank consisting of Bonds and Mortgages, Deeds of Real Estate, Certificates of Bank Stocks, Bills Receivable, U. S. 5-20 Bonds, 1868, U. S. Six Per Cent. Bonds, 1881, U. S. Six Per Cent. Currency Bonds, and the Cash in Bank and on hand, and find the same to correspond with the above report.

P. H. HUNKER,
J. J. GILLESPIE,
H. J. LYNCH,
MALCOLM HAY,
Auditing Committee.

The Trustees have declared a Dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1874, free of Government tax, and payable forthwith. If not drawn will bear interest from 1st inst.

CHAS. A. COLTON, Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, December 18, 1874.

Allegheny Commercial School,

In Girard Bank Building, Allegheny.

W. W. McCLELLAND, Principal,

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Persons desiring to fit themselves for Teachers can obtain a thorough knowledge of Plain and Ornamental Penmanship. TTh8

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Letters of inquiry from parties residing out of the city, will be cheerfully and promptly answered.

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IN

GROCERIES!

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J. J. HOWARD'S,

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Read the Prices!

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LEADING RETAIL FLOUR HOUSE OF THE CITY.

BEST BRANDS AS FOLLOWS:

Pride of St. Louis Flour, (very fine), per bbl.	$7 50
Pride of St. Louis Flour, (very fine), per sack	1 85
Pride of Ohio Flour, from Canton, per bbl.	6 75
Pride of Ohio Flour, from Canton, per sack	1 65
Good Ohio Flour, per bbl.	5 75
Good Ohio Flour, per sack	1 40
Buckwheat Flour, (very best) per pound	5 cts
Graham Flour, coarse	5 cts
Corn Meal, per bushel	1 00

CRACKERS AT FACTORY PRICES.

Every Article in the Store is NEW and FRESH, and will be sold at the

Lowest Cash Prices!

COFFEES.

Fresh Roasted Coffee Every Day!

No Old Roasted Coffee in Paper Packages.

Roasted Rio Coffee, per pound 22 and	24 c
Choice Rio Coffee, per pound	27 c
Best Rio Coffee, per pound	30 c
Roasted Java Coffee, per pound	38 c

SUGARS.

White Sugar, per pound	10 c
Yellow Sugar, per pound	9 c
Choice Brown Sugar, per pound	9½c
Granulated, per pound	12 c
Pulverized, per pound	12 c
Crushed, per pound	12 c
Cut Loaf, per pound	13 c

TEAS

At Lower Prices Than Ever Before Offered.

NEW GOODS

FOR 1874 AND 1875.

New Currants, per pound	8 c
New Raisins, per pound	12½c
New Raisins, (Seedless), per pound	16 c
New Layer Raisins, per pound	16 c
New Layer Raisins, per ¼ box	$1 15
New Turkey Prunes, per pound	13 c
New French Prunes, per pound	19 c
New Muscatels, per pound	20 c
Dried Blackberries, per pound	12½c
Rice, per pound	8c and 10 c
Boneless Codfish	10 c
New Navy Beans, per quart	10 c
Dried Peas, per quart	10 c
Twenty-eight Bars Soap for	$1 00
Twelve Bars Wax Soap for	50 c
New Jersey Cranberries, per quart	12½c
New Orleans Molasses, per gallon	85c and $1 00
New White Fish, per kit	1 60
New White Fish, per ½ bbl.	3 25
New Dried Peaches, per pound	12½c
New Sliced Apples, per pound	12½c
New Pitted Cherries, per pound	38 c
New Pitted Plums, per pound	28 c
New Raspberries, per pound	45 c
Syrups, per gallon	50c to $1 00

20 Per Cent. Saved

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DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CHAINS and BRACELETS. Fine Assortment of BREAST PINS and EAR RINGS, in STONE CAMEO, CORAL, AMETHYST, TURQUOISE, TOPAZ, ENAMELED and PLAIN GOLD.

Elegant Stock of CAMEO SLEEVE BUTTONS, STUDS and RINGS.

Nice Stock of ROMAN NECK-LACES, CROSSES and LOCKETS, SOLID SILVER and SILVER-PLATED WARE, GOLD and SILVER HEAD CANES.

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Geo. R. Riddle, Pres't. Franklin Savings Bk.
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Wm. M. Stewart, Coal Merchant.
Jos. Lautner, Hardware.
A. Bepler, Bepler Hotel.
Jacob Franz, Brick Merchant.
J. B. Smith, Capitalist.
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Jacob Rush, Sec.'y Iron City Life Ins. Co.
J. S. Slagle, of Nimick & Co.
S. H. Geyer, Attorney.
Jno. A. Scott, Ex-County Commissioner.
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Canned Low Prices, Large Stock, Goods
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Canned Satisfactory Discounts to Goods
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NO. 231 LIBERTY STREET.

DISSOLUTION—THE PARTNERSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED will expire on the 1st day of January next, by limitation. All unsettled accounts at that date will be settled by RICHARD E. BREED, who expects to continue the business.

RICHARD E. BREED,
J. J. HENDERSON.

PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1874.

HOLIDAY GOODS AT COST!

In consequence of the anticipated dissolution of the Firm on the first day of January next,

Richard E. Breed & Co.,

No. 100 WOOD STREET,

WILL SELL GOODS AT COST UNTIL THAT DATE TO REDUCE STOCK.

CHINA.

White, Gold-Band and Decorated TEA, DINNER AND TOILET SETS, VASES, STATUETTES.

BOHEMIAN GLASS.

VASES, COLOGNE SETS, CUT AND ENGRAVED TABLE GLASSWARE,

LAVA STATUETTES AND VASES.

Queensware, or White Granite Ware of all Kinds.

Foreign and Domestic Glassware, Brittania and Silver-Plated Ware. able Cutlery and Tea Trays.

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CHAINS, RINGS, FINE JEWELRY,

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FRENCH AND AMERICAN CLOCKS BRONZES AND FINE TABLE CUTLERY

New Fancy and Side Band Prints.
New Dress Goods and Alpacas.
New Men's and Boys' Wear.

Fullerton's Barred Flannels.
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WHOLESALE EXCLUSIVELY.

Lowest Eastern Prices. Bargains in all Departments

Scarlet, Yellow, White and Grey Flannels.
Canton Flannels. New Cheviots.
White and Colored Blankets, Horse Covers.

Felt and Balmoral Skirts.
Hosiery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs.
Scarfs, Nubias and Fancy Woolens.

ELEGANT HOLIDAY GOODS,

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Fine Coral and Cameo Jewelry, Elegant Watches and Chains,

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Castings for Mills and General Machine Work Furnished Promptly. Orders Solicited. w

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METALLIC PACKING, BRASS CASTINGS AND ANTI-FRICTION METALS, STEAM PUMPS AND BOILER FEEDERS. All Kinds of BRASS AND IRON GOODS FOR STEAM, GAS, WATER AND OIL. Manufactured and For Sale at Lowest Prices by

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The Commercial.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1874.

THE time of year has arrived when it is usual to expect some degree of closeness in money matters; but abundance and ease are still reported at the leading financial centers.

GOVERNOR AMES, of Mississippi, has very properly vetoed a bill incorporating the State Grange. It was a scarcely disguised effort to make a corporation out of the White League Association.

THE turning of the tide. The leading Chicago iron manufacturers and dealers state that there is a very extensive inquiry for steel rails, and that the prospect of a good spring business is excellent.

THE New York *Herald* shouldn't quote Latin so recklessly. A stern chase is proverbially a long chase, whether after the classics or other prey, and the odds are very heavy against that paper's overhauling them.

SINCE the late elections, and the decision of the Democratic Supreme Court of Indiana against mixed schools, the presence of colored children in these institutions is an offense that smells to heaven in the delicate nostrils of the Hoosier Bourbons, and they say they can't stand it any longer—poor sensitive things!

BASING its estimates on carefully collected information from trade authorities, the *Financial Chronicle* computes the cotton crop for the current year at 4,170,000 bales. The next crop is estimated at 4,300 bales, allowing a decline in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, and an increase in all the other cotton growing States.

A BUREAU of Education is proposed, and by some worthy members of Congress earnestly advocated.—*St. Louis Democrat.*

Are there, then, *two* Rip Van Winkles abroad? JOE JEFFERSON, who is at present in St. Louis, should at once see about it. The Bureau of Education has been in existence for years.

CONCERNING the views of this paper relative to the legality of the late municipal election, the nascent Admirable CRICHTON of the *Dispatch* thinks they "are not on the whole, as creditable in respect of logic or law as Col. HAVEY'S, ALECK STEVENSON'S or DOESTICK'S." When the cradled intellect of this embryo seer gets out of clouts and into breeches, what marvels of genius and inspiration may we not expect?

WESTERN papers note a slow but continuous decline in rates of interest for money in the principal markets of that section, not only for short loans but for loans to run from six to twelve months. It is also noticeable that the prices of a large majority of railroad bonds and other securities have been steadily advancing for the last three months. These facts are evidence of a considerable increase of capital seeking investment.

PERHAPS no better gauge of the improved and improving condition of the manufacturing interests in New England could be found than the fact that a large number of mills which, two or three months ago, were running on half time, or less, are now running from two-thirds time to their full capacity of production. This is every way encouraging, indicating, as it does, that a substantial revival of industry and commerce is comparatively close at hand.

A COMPARATIVE statement of the gross earnings of fifteen of our principal lines of railways, up to the latest dates reported, as published in the *Financial Chronicle*, indicates quite a fair degree of prosperity, particularly in the roads of the great West, where there has been a marked recovery from the effects of last fall's panic. The exhibit would doubtless be still more satisfactory could a comparison of the working expenses, which are understood to have been materially diminished, be presented.

MEN quite often value themselves most highly on what is really their chief point of weakness. CICERO and the late Lord DERBY aspired to write poetry, SIDNEY SMITH preached sermons when he ought to have been writing reviews, Sunset Cox attempts the *role* of wit on the floors of Congress when he should be peddling lemonade in a circus, and the *Post* actually essays to be epigrammatic and caustic. This latter is perhaps the most lamentable instance of perverted self-direction on record.

THE new Steamboat bill, which has passed the House and is now under consideration in the Senate, ought to be passed by that body without any unnecessary delay. The measure embodies all the valuable features of the present law; expunges all useless or injurious provisions of that act, and amends or alters other sections, as the results of experience have dictated. While some new features are introduced, enforcing additional securities not called for in the present law, it relieves the steamboat owners from the compulsory use of patented appliances, although no instrument or appliance can be used by them that is not previously approved by the Board of Supervising Inspectors. On the whole it is a much better law than that at present in operation, and it presents probably the best settlement of this long contested matter. Senator CONKLING has not won any laurels by his captious opposition to this important measure.

NO ROGUE, free trader or otherwise, e'er felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law. When, some time ago, the Treasury Department, in order to prevent the organized system of smuggling which was reported to prevail upon the Northern frontier, proposed to institute a regular examination of freight trains crossing from Canada into this country, the Democratic free trade press set up a concerted, hideous howl against the "oppression." The first report of the agents, which has just been made to the Department, shows that importations all along the line of the Canadian border are made in the most reckless manner, and that there are abundant evidences of attempts to defraud the revenue. Of about eight hundred cars examined in six days nearly one-third were unlocked, whilst a large number of other locks were so arranged that they could be easily removed. The result has been to increase importations by the way of Montreal to an unprecedented degree, the agents reporting that goods to the amount of $2,000,000 daily are frequently imported through that channel. The late extraordinary diminution in customs receipts is unquestionably owing in large measure to these fraudulent practices. Another denunciatory outcry from the free traders against the "tyrannous restrictions" imposed on commerce by the Government is now in order.

SOME who know of the communistic settlement of Eben Ezer, near Buffalo, may not know that a scion or offshoot of that colony flourishes in the State of Iowa, seventy-four miles westward from Davenport. The colony owns twenty-five thousand acres of excellent land, and has a population of nearly fifteen hundred souls. They are Christians, and seem to be distinguished from other sects by their belief on the subject of inspiration. In fact, they are called by themselves as well as others, we suppose, Inspirationists, and they believe that an especial measure of divine inspiration is imparted to certain preferred members of their sect. The spiritual head of the Iowa colony is a woman eighty years old, named BARBARA HEYNEMANN, who is said to have been inspired from her youth. The members of the colony are nearly all South Germans. The sect of Inspirationists sprang up, it seems, in Southern Germany and Switzerland toward the end of the Seventeenth century, but communism was not one of its original features, its adherents having become communists in this country. Though the families live separate in small houses, they take their meals together in houses for the purpose, and community of goods is maintained inviolable in principle and practice. They live well, and, besides prosperous agriculture, they manufacture cloth, woolen gloves, stockings, etc. Some of these articles are sold in the vicinity, but they even find their way to the New York market.

IT is much to be hoped that many *young* men at least will avail themselves of the opportunity for intellectual improvement so generously offered by the Chancellor and Professors of the Western University. In the present age no occupation affords those engaged in it any apology for ignorant or uncultivated minds. Many of the strongest, clearest and most conclusive thinkers to be met with as one moves about in the world, are men who enjoyed few, if any advantages of culture in youth, and who spent or are spending their best days in some laborious mechanical occupation. Stimulated by some incidental suggestion from without, or as the result of their own quiet observation and reflection, they began to read, to study, to think, with the resolute purpose of becoming somewhat among their fellows. The taste for intellectual pursuits once formed, they found in them a perpetual source of interest in time of leisure, an unfailing refuge from gloomy thoughts, and continual inspiration amidst the difficulties and trials of their regular work or business. There is no exaggeration in saying that such advantages are seldom offered to workingmen as are now offered to the workingmen of Pittsburgh. Any person competent to express an opinion on the subject will tell them, that the Professors of the Western University are admirably qualified, not only by attainments but by skill in teaching, to make study profitable and as easy as it can be made to those who desire to learn. We may add that Chancellor WOODS, whose remarkable address on Technical Education has been so widely read and commended, is peculiarly fitted by learning, experience and knowledge of the world, to take the lead in arranging a course of study for practical men and to direct them in its pursuit.

A BIT OF GOSSIP.

A literary adventurer named JULIUS LANG, of considerable cleverness, who, during the last ten or fifteen years, had been connected with various newspapers in Germany and France, determined to publish in book form a collection of his journalistic lucubrations. The manuscript was in the hands of the printer and a portion of it was actually in type when KULMANN made his attempt on BISMARCK at Kissingen. As LANG was an Ultramontane, and as his book, entitled "Revolution from Above," contained matter offensive and injurious to the opponents of that party, the printer became alarmed, and concluded not to publish the book. He even, it is said, destroyed the manuscript as well as the part already printed. A correspondent, however, of one of the German papers, professes to have got possession of some of the printed sheets, which he has given to the public. From these specimens, it does not appear, say competent judges, that the world has lost much by the destruction of the book. The facts of so-called secret history related are such as have been long well known, and the gossip and anecdotes are trivial. And yet however frivolous, some of Herr LANG'S gossip may be read with a certain satisfaction on account of the distinguished or high placed personages to whom it relates. Thus he reports a conversation with BISMARCK in 1865 about General GARABALDI. In this talk the German statesman spoke of the Prussian Crown Princess' predilection for the old Italian hero. He said, "the Princess is through and through an Englishwoman, and partakes of England's partiality for GARIBALDI, a sentiment with which she has also inspired her husband." "That is all well," BISMARCK then remarked, "for he will employ this popular hero against Austria. The Crown Princess is prepossessed in favor of GARIBALDI, because she hates everything Romish and Papistical, a hatred which has become deepened since she has visited Rome and seen the Pope. She and her husband would be only too much pleased if GARIBALDI were let loose on Rome."

As to the authenticity of the foregoing statement there need be no question, at least as regards the alleged predilection and dislike of Queen VICTORIA'S daughter. Whether Herr LANG invents or reports or mingles the two operations, the Prussian Crown Princess' admiration for the deliverer of Italy was so outspoken as to become generally known, and her feeling toward the other eminent person mentioned may perhaps be inferred with entire confidence. Admiration for one of the two and reverence for the other are hardly reconcilable. And there is some other evidence. It is no secret that the younger Princess VICTORIA was and most likely still is in full sympathy with what is called Liberalism both in State and Church. Thus she was an avowed admirer of Mr. BRIGHT, Mr. COBDEN and other statesmen of the Liberal school, and it has been stated on good authority, that, from reading the works of Mr. STUART MILL, she became so desirous of forming his personal acquaintance that, on one of her last visits to England during his life, she invited him to come and see her. Mr. MILL, "in the spirit of a philosopher rather than in that of a gentleman," replied to the message, that he had no leisure to comply with her request. But the Princess, unrepelled by this rebuff, went to see the philosopher at his own house. It was, we believe, his book on the woman question, "The Subjection of Woman," which inspired the royal lady with so uncontrollable a wish to form the acquaintance of the author. But if reports are true, Mr. MILL held no opinions in the discussion of which she would not take a lively interest. As she is the prospective Empress of Germany, it is hardly idle curiosity which feels some interest in the character thus revealed.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Jeff. Davis, it is said, is dangerously ill at his residence in Tennessee.

Boston has successfully introduced stoves and fires into street cars, for the comfort of passengers.

The Souls is the name of a town in Colorado, which is situated suggestively near to Purgatory creek.

Blondin is going to stretch a rope from the top of the pyramid of Cheops to that of Kephron, and walk it.

They counterfeit New England rum in Germany, just as throughout the world men counterfeit the devil.

Ohio is not to have an additional insane asylum, and the Cincinnati papers are to retain their present editors.

And now Montana announces the discovery of an inexhaustible quarry of the finest white marble in the world.

Fall river mills, having secured a reduction of ten per cent. in wages, propose to start running full time again.

Foreign-born citizens of Rhode Island are seeking equal rights there, and they ask only what Roger Williams had.

It is reported that Vinnie Ream is to marry a Louisville *Courier-Journal* man. Each has our sincere sympathy.

Cannibalism prevails in France. No less than 1,555 mules and asses were devoured during the past three months in Paris.

A hint. The Toledo Police Board has abolished the entire detective force. Detectives will be detailed from the regular force.

King Kalakaua will leave Washington for the North to-day, to visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other cities.

No sympathy whatever is due the victims of the Katie King fraud. They owe their discomfiture solely to their own gullibility.

Granite and Macadam pavements are to be abolished in the streets of London, and only asphaltum or wood is to be used in the future.

Reports of geologists have repeatedly shown gold to exist, probably in paying quantities, in the entire northern region of Wisconsin.

There are now one thousand prisoners confined in the Ohio penitentiary, a larger number than was ever before gathered together there.

The seventh annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association will be held in Washington City, January 14th and 15th.

Hereafter, whenever a materialized spirit accepts half a dollar, or a diamond ring, it will be well to find out where it takes its meals.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* thinks that there will be "a halt in the career of massacre" down South, after while. So there should a halter.

In certain parts of Texas, where the flora is most gorgeous and overflowing, there is never a bank of flowers that does not conceal a tarantula.

Postmaster General Jewell has summarily severed the relations which the rebel General Mosby has been attempting to create with his department.

The Kansas City *Journal* says real estate in that vicinity has fallen "more than a hundred per cent." If this is true, it is worth less than nothing.

The West will soon be supplied by Mexico with tropical fruit received direct, instead of circuitously from New York, as has hitherto been the case.

The friends of C. C. Norvell are moving to get him a lucrative government position, as he seems to have sunk all his money and his wages in the defunct *Republic*.

THE JANUARY MAGAZINES.

LIPPINCOTT'S.

A very attractive magazine is the January issue of *Lippincott's*. It contains the concluding chapter of the "New Hyperion," which, it may be remarked here, has been issued in a handsome separate volume. George MacDonald's "Malcolm" is finished with the announcement that "The story of Malcolm's plans and what came of them requires another book." It is hoped that the author, in his new volume, will treat us to less of the bothersome Scotch dialect than is interspersed so liberally through the book just completed. Mr. William Black's "Three Feathers" advances three chapters, and increases in interest. The author of "Blindpits" furnishes a very good story, called "A Night at Cockhoolet Castle." Among the more weighty papers a description of the scenery on the banks of the Tiber from its source; "The Leaden Arrow," a discourse on rifles, by Edward Bruce; "The Italian Stage," by R. Davey; and another of much merit on "The Parsees," by Fanny Roper Feudge. Poetical contributions appear from the pens of T. Buchanan Read, F. A. Hilliard and Charlotte F. Bates. Several short papers of more than ordinary interest are found in "Our Monthly Gossip."

This publication now takes rank with any of its contemporaries; and but little further progress in its present direction will place it at the head of American magazine literature.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.

The contents of *Harper's Monthly* for January are both seasonable and attractive. First in order comes a poem by Mrs. Buddington, "The Children's Night," in which are cleverly and daintily introduced many characters in fairy-land known and loved by the little ones. This article is profusely and handsomely illustrated. There are also poetical contributions by E. H. Stoddard and Nellie M. Hutchinson, while Ruth Dana and Virginia M. Johnson have stories suitable for the season. Miss Woolson's sketch, "The Ancient City," in which St. Augustine, Fla., is described, is concluded. Another instalment of the "First Century of the Republic," illustrated, contains a great deal of valuable information. Junius Henri Browne furnishes an interesting sketch of George D. Prentice, founder of the Louisville *Journal*; there is an excerpt from Sir Samuel Baker's "Ismalia," with illustrations; a Christmas story by William Black; an illustrated reproduction of Southey's story of "The Three Bears;" Emilio Castelar's fifteenth paper on "The Republican Movement in Europe;" an instalment of "The Rape of the Gamp," bringing it forward to the sixteenth chapter. Then follow the editor's records of literature, science and history, and the "Editor's Drawer."

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY.

Perhaps the most notable article in the January number of *Scribner's* is the opening paper of Major Powell's account of his voyage down the Colorado. It is powerfully written, and promises to grow more exciting as it progresses. The illustrations accompanying this paper are strongly drawn and very effective. The article on Paul Marcoy's "Travels in South America" is full of stirring adventure and striking pictures. Dr. Holland's new serial, "The Story of Sevenoaks," opens excellently, and promises to excel all his previous efforts. There is a fresh instalment of Jules Verne's "Mysterious Island," which grows more and more marvelous. Saxe Holme's story, "My Tourmaline," is continued. In the first part of an essay entitled "A New Solution of an Old Puzzle," Francis Gerry Fairfield treats of some of the phases of Spiritualism, but the "solution" alluded to in the title will have to wait for another number of the magazine. R. H. Stoddard, John Hay and Edmund Clarence Steadman each contribute a poem. In the other departments there is a variety of entertaining and instructive miscellaneous reading.

THE ATLANTIC.

As was fitting, the *Atlantic* begins its thirty-fifth volume with a most excellent number. Its list of contributors includes Longfellow, Bayard Taylor, Dr. O. W. Holmes, Mark Twain, Robert Dale Owen, R. H. Stoddard, T. B. Aldrich, Mrs. Piatt, Miss Phelps and a number of others of America's best writers of prose and verse. In the first pages of the magazine we have the initial chapters of a new novel entitled "Roderick Hudson," from the pen of Henry James, Jr. Frank Sanborn sends in the first of a series of articles, in which he describes John Brown's years of preparation, and promises a somewhat detailed history of that noted man. Mark Twain's article, "Old Times on the Mississippi," is in the most enjoyable vein of the humorist, and is, we are glad to know, the first of a series. T. S. Perry contributes an interesting notice of Fritz Reuter, and an equally valuable one is "Autumn Days in Weimar," by Bayard Taylor. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes discusses the effects of our climate on the Americanized European, taking his text from Dr. Clark's books on "Sex in Education" and the "Building of a Brain." Longfellow, Stoddard, Mrs. Piatt and T. B. Aldrich furnish the poems, which are of an unusually high order. The departments of Literature, Art, Music and Education are, as usual, full and instructive.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.

Since its absorption of *Every Saturday*, the *Living Age*, always the chief, has become the only eclectic weekly of the country. It is now, after a career of thirty years, more vigorous and prosperous than ever before. It presents to its readers a fresh compilation of current literature inaccessible to the vast majority, and embraces the productions of the ablest living writers in science, fiction, poetry, history, biography, politics, theology, philosophy, criticism and art. It is an invaluable economizer of time, labor and money, as it represents, with a satisfying completeness attempted by no other publication, a multiplicity of quarterlies, monthlies and weeklies. Represented in its pages are such distinguished authors as Prof. Max Mueller, Prof. Tyndall, Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Prof. Huxley, Frances Power Cobbe, the Duke of Argyll, Mrs. Muloch, Anthony Trollope, James Anthony Froude, Arthur Helps, Mrs. Oliphant, Miss Thackeray, William Black, George MacDonald, Jean Ingelow, Tennyson, Browning, and a host of others. In no other known way can so much of the best work of the best minds of the age be obtained, so conveniently and so cheaply, as through this comprehensive periodical.

PETERSON'S JOURNAL.

The January issue of *Peterson's Journal of Popular Literature* more than sustains the promises held out in the first number. The distinctive feature of this publication is the completeness of each number in itself. This will commend it to thousands of readers, who get out of all patience with the dragging of a story through month after month. In the number now before us there are contributions from Christian Reid, Louise Chandler Moulton, Henry Peterson, Jeanie T. Gould, Florence Percy Allen, Eliza Archard Conner, Nora Perry, Ethel Allen, Julie Keim Wetherill, L. M. Blinn, Florence Somers Cook and others, and a translation from the Russian of Ivan Turguenieff. The stories, which take up nearly the whole of the magazine, are all fresh and readable. H. Peterson & Co., 920 Walnut street, Philadelphia, are the publishers.

ST. NICHOLAS.

The boy or girl, man or woman, who cannot find delight in the pages of *St. Nicholas*, should be tabooed as past hope. In the January number there are the following Christmas stories, all capital: "Tommy, the Soprano," by Charles Barnard; "Mag's Christmas Tree," by Olive Thorn; "A Christmas Legend," by Florence Scannel, and the "Dwarf's Mirror," by F. A. Chapman. In addition there are a number of stories fairly bubbling over with fun and fairy life, by H. L. Stephens, T. D. English and others. Bret Harte, C. A. Lynde, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and Mrs. Dodge furnish an ample supply of good poetry. The new serials, "The Young Surveyor," by J. T. Trowbridge, and "Eight Cousins," by Louisa M. Alcott, open with excellent promise. The illustrations are fine, and as numerous as ever. The number closes with the usual supply of riddles, puzzles and sermons from the witty Jack in the Pulpit.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY.

An inviting table of contents is spread before the readers of *Ballou's Monthly* for January. There are a number of good stories for old and young, several interesting narratives of travel and adventure, matters of moment to the housekeeper, a well-selected humorous department, etc., etc. It is a marvel of cheapness, and deserves its widespread circulation.

THE REPUBLIC FOR DECEMBER.

The December number of this, the only strictly political magazine published, has just reached us. It is full of valuable articles on current political questions, among others the following: The Late Elections, The Readjustment of the Tariff, Foreign Intercourse, Canadian Reciprocity, The Public Domain, Equalization of Soldiers' Bounties, Departmental Intelligence, Comparative Vote of 1872 and 1874, Railway Postal Service, Free Tea and Coffee, Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, The Chattanooga Convention. The *Republic* will be sent, free of postage, at $2 per year. Address The Republic Printing Company, Washington, D. C.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY.

There is an unusual amount of varied and interesting reading matter in the January number of the *Popular Science Monthly*. It opens with a lecture by Professor Tyndall on "Crystalline and Molecular Forces." There is a sketch and portrait of Dr. Jeffries Wyman, a very curious paper on "The Hermit of Red Goat's Green," an essay by Herbert Spencer, and various other instructive and entertaining articles.

In prohibitory Boston 6.29 per cent. of the population are arrested for drunkenness, while only 3.7 percent. of the average New Yorker can be found in the police reports for this cause.

The Mint Director estimates the stock of specie in the country at $166,000,000, and the annual production at $70,000,000. Where are specie payments to come from?

THE VICKSBURG BUTCHERY.

A Plain, Straightforward Account of the Late Outrage, and Its Causes.

(From the Cincinnati Gazette, 18th.)

Here is the plain, unvarnished story of the recent butchery at Vicksburg, as it was told us yesterday by one who is a considerable tax-payer in that city, who was there during the earlier stages of the crime, and whose character and veracity are vouched for by responsible parties.

The predecessor of Sheriff Crosby was a man named C. E. Furlong. He was a very bad man every way. He plundered the citizens remorselessly, and when he left office last year, took away as his proceeds or booty $150,000. He was bitterly incensed at his defeat by Crosby. He wanted to continue his own fat pickings. He has been one of the leading men in the outrageous assault on Crosby.

This man Crosby is colored. He is about twenty-eight years of age, and is one of the most intelligent and capable colored men in the State. He had the respect of the people of Warren county (Vicksburg). His ability was as unquestioned as his honesty. He had served a term as Treasurer before he was elected to succeed Furlong as Sheriff in the autumn of 1873. His official conduct as Treasurer was above reproach or question. His accounts were all found correct when he submitted them for final settlement. In fact, his election as Sheriff was largely due to the good record he had made as Treasurer. He was borne into office on the tide of a reform movement.

He assumed the duties of Sheriff and Tax Collector on the 1st of January of the present year. As a Tax Collector he had to give bonds in the sum of $100,000, as Sheriff, in $20,000. He had no difficulty in securing them. Among his bondsmen were D. K. Bruce and H. R. Pease, Senators; F. H. Little, President of the Memphis and Granada Railroad, and James H. Holland, State Treasurer. His bond was accepted as good and sufficient, and he began at once to perform his duties.

In September last one of his bondsmen, L. N. Hill, died. His widow presented a petition to the Board of Supervisors, setting forth the fact of her husband's decease, and asking that his name be taken from the Sheriff's bond. Under the laws of Mississippi it is only necessary that such a request should be preferred to make it obligatory to grant it. Furthermore, the name thus taken off could not, under the laws, be replaced by a new one, but a new bond had to be given. It was certainly pretty hard, this demanding two bonds in less than a year.

However, a new one was secured. Crosby's bond as Tax Collector was made out this time for $108,000—$8,000 more than was required by law. His bond as Sheriff was filled out to the full amount required—$20,000. Among his bondsmen this latter time was Martin Carey, whose property in Vicksburg is assessed at $20,000; Lewis Kent, who pays taxes on $13,000, and fifty other persons who owned more or less property in Warren county. This is the bond which the lying rascals set forth as being of no account; these are the sureties that are said to be "worthless."

Among the number on this second bond was one G. S. Yerger, of Jackson. It is asserted that the White Leaguers visited this man, and told him that they would bring suit against him for perjury if he did not withdraw his name. He was down for only a thousand dollars. Intimidated by their threats, it is charged that Yerger consented to do what was demanded of him. He made a request to have his name taken off. This, bear in mind, would necessitate a third bond. This board refused to comply with the demands of the rascals who were trying to force Crosby out of office. Meantime the "citizens" held a public meeting, and passed a resolution denouncing in advance any white man who should consent to go upon Crosby new bond, which they were confidently counting on compelling him to make out. As we said, the board refused to foot any longer with Furlong's malcontents. "This bond," they said, "is as good as any ever offered in the State. Had it been presented by a Democrat there would not have been a word in opposition to it. The names are those of responsible men, and this is a conspiracy against an honest man that we are not going to help along." Crosby, too, went before them, and asked what charge they had to make against him. "Put your finger on any dishonesty I have committed, either as Treasurer or Sheriff," he said. Not a man could do it. They told him they were not impugning his honesty; they simply wanted him out of the way.

Matters stood thus until Saturday, December 4th. Then a meeting of "citizens" was held, at which it was decided to force Crosby to resign. A committee first visited him, and then a mob. Summoned by two or three hundred men, what course was left to him but to step down and out?

On Sunday Crosby went over to Jackson to consult with Governor Ames. He returned to Vicksburg in time to be there on Monday morning.

Early that day the big bell on the Court House summoned the people together. From six to eight hundred responded at once to the summons. They formed in order, and were supplied with needle guns. "Do you call this a state of war or peace?" our informant asked.

Meantime word was brought that the negroes from the country were coming in in obedience to the summons from Crosby. It was determined to meet them on the way. One company was led by a Captain Miller. Out about a mile and a half from the city a troop of colored people were met coming in. An old negro named Owen was their leader. He was asked where he was going. "To see Sheriff Crosby," was the answer. "Well, Crosby has given up, and you had better go back home." Owen thought he should obey the summons of a Sheriff, and it was finally settled that he should be taken to Vicksburg, while the rest of the company awaited the message that he brought back.

Owen was taken to the Court House, where Crosby was still held in confinement, and had an interview with the deposed officers. Crosby told him that everything was settled in this city, and that the company of colored people must disperse to their homes. Owen started back with his white guard. When he reached his friends he was turned loose. Then the slaughter began. Some unhung desperadoes, more bitter than the rest, were determined not to be cheated of blood. They were armed with needle guns; some of the negroes with revolvers, but most of them with nothing at all. What wonder that they were shot down like dogs? What wonder that at least 150 negroes were killed, and only one white man?

One who saw the slaughter said it was simply horrible. The men from the city were reinforced by a troop of murderers from the country, and between the two the colored men were mowed down. It was simply a massacre, a cold-blooded butchery. The scenes that were enacted there transpired in other places. Everywhere it was the same.

"All is quiet at Vicksburg," the dispatches say. Yes. It is like the peace Tacitus speaks of—it is a desolation. A reign of terror exists there. Republicans have been driven from the city, and dare not yet return there. Their lives would not be safe for a moment. It was a battle of races at first; now it is a crusade against Republicans, white and black.

PERSONAL.

Moore county, Tennessee, is taking caudle over a baby with a double tongue, twenty-four fingers and toes, and numerous other personal attractions of a teratological character.

The Southern Baptists have appointed W. W. Colley, a colored man, as missionary to Africa. Mr. Colley is a native of Virginia, and has spent six years at the Richmond Institute.

Here it is again. Over a thousand young girls applied for employment as ballet girls in Barnum's Christmas pantomime, but as only three hundred were wanted, seven hundred had to go away disappointed.

Among those supposed to be lost on the Pacific Mail steamship, lately burned, is J. C. S. Colby, better known as the missing witness. His testimony is wanted in the safe-burglary case. But he was on his way to Chin Kiang, China, with a mission to act as Consul at that place.

Colonel Charles Carey Long, an American in the employ of the Khedive, was recently attacked, while on an expedition, by four hundred armed men, and with only two soldiers resisted the attack of the entire troop, and inflicted on it a loss of eighty-two men. At least the Egyptian war minister officially declares so.

There is a prevalent error in regard to the rank of General Grant's son. He is a Second Lieutenant in the Tenth Cavalry. General Sheridan is entitled to a certain number of staff officers with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and has appointed young Grant to one of these places, and while on that service he bears nominally that rank, but his real rank in the army is that of his place in his regiment.

Letters from the Signal Service observer at Cape Hatteras announce the arrival there, on December 18th, of Mr. N. H. Bishop, who has made the trip from Quebec, Canada, in his paper canoe, the Maria Theresa. The craft weighs only fifty-eight pounds, and has been since the 4th of July last making the voyage. Mr. Bishop left Hatteras on Monday, and expects to reach his destination, Key West, about March 1, 1875.

Nevada has its Harry Meiggs. In 1870 Lewis Cook was treasurer of White Pine county. He was, of course, a hail-fellow-well-met, upon whose generous purse there was a constant drain. Speculating in mining stocks, he used county funds, lost, defaulted, and levanted to Japan. There he has retrieved his fortunes, and now asks that the Legislature of Nevada pardon him on condition that he restores the embezzled funds. He is anxious to return to Nevada, but is a little shy of her jails.

It is proposed that Congress shall take some action to stop the desecration, and often entire destruction, of the archæological mounds which lie scattered all over the Western States.

The Rochester *Dem.-Chron* requests "a bill of particulars" concerning that Louisville "paroxysmal paragraphist." With pleasure. *Spiritus frumenti*, 2 oz.: at hourly intervals, daily.

A VAST DEPOSIT OF COAL.

The Mammoth Vein in Schuylkill County—Pottsville's Future.

The finding of the so-called "mammoth vein" in Schuylkill county, by the Reading Coal and Iron Company, at a depth of 909 feet, has already been announced in the COMMERCIAL. The Pottsville *Miners' Journal* furnishes the following additional facts on the subject:

The seven foot vein, which is the upper member of the mammoth, was found to be thirteen and one-half feet thick, and of excelent coal. Underneath this vein there are seven feet of slate, three and one-half feet of good coal, sixteen feet of slate containing iron ore balls and six feet of carbonaceous iron ore, or black band. Then comes the mammoth vein, twenty-one feet thick, next one and one-half feet of partition slate, and under this it is thought there is a nine foot vein of coal. Below this it is believed comes the solid rock.

Besides the Red Ash veins, which will be worked, and of which no mention has been made in this article, there are the following white and gray ash coals: Primrose, fourteen feet deep, Seven Foot vein thirteen and one-half feet deep, and the Mammoth, twenty-one feet deep, making a total depth of forty-eight and one-half feet of coal.

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Pittsburgh, October 30, 1874.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
Western District of Pennsylvania, ss:
Pittsburgh, December 15, 1874.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration *cum testamento annexo* of the estate of Dr. A. C. MURDOCH, late of the city of Pittsburgh, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them to
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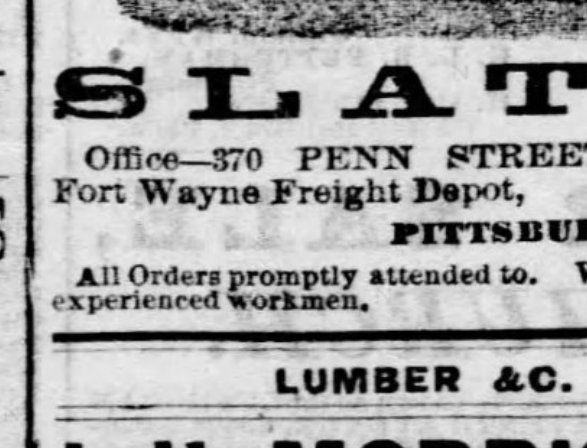

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

TUESDAY EVENING, December 22, 1874.

The United States Treasurer has written a letter to a prominent member of Congress, under date of December 17, on the subject of the working of the Redemption Bureau of his Department. The letter was brought out by a criticism of the redemption law by the President of a national bank, dissatisfied with the requirements to which he had to submit in complying with the provisions of the act of June last. Under the former law of Congress all national banks were required to keep a reserve fund in lawful money for the payment of their deposits and circulation, of fifteen or twenty-five per cent., according to location. Three-fifths of this fund could be kept with the redemption agencies of such banks in any of the seventeen redemption cities of the Union.

The Treasurer says that all correct bankers saw this was a *farce*, and that Congress, agreeing with them, passed a law establishing a single agency for the redemption of notes of all the national banks at the seat of Government. This change was made because the people desired to have some accessible place where they could procure the notes of the United States now, and specie by and by, in exchange for their national bank notes. In consideration of this concession, Congress absolved the banks from the duty of keeping any reserve fund whatever, for the redemption of their circulating notes, either at home or in any city as required by the old law. Thus the country banks were given the use of fifteen per cent. on their circulation, that under the old law was locked-up, and to the banks in redemption cities twenty-five per cent.

The five per cent. on the circulation deposited in the Treasury as a redemption fund, is, by law, allowed to be counted as a part of the reserve, required to be kept for the payment of deposits held by the banks.

The bank President in question complained that torn and defaced bills, with signatures almost obliterated, must pass through the hands of clerks having no interest in the matter further than their salaries, and that the banks are ordered to remit *greenbacks* to redeem this currency, a portion of which may be, and very frequently is, counterfeit. He also complains of the increased expenditure to the banks, the loss of deposits, and adds: "Please tell me what security we have, that we are not every day giving good greenbacks for worthless counterfeits."

General Spinner's reply to this we quote in full. He says:

> Now, it is well known to the writer of the above that there are no counterfeits, and there never have been any, on his bank, and that therefore his captious remarks, as far as his bank and its interests are concerned, are gratuitous.
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> But for the information and satisfaction of others, who have an interest in banks on whose notes there are counterfeits, I desire to say that there is no place where counterfeit notes would be more likely to be detected than at this agency. The persons employed in the manipulation of national bank notes were selected for the purpose, and they are nearly all of them experts. Very nearly all the notes received for redemption come from banks. It is hardly probable that they would take counterfeits and send them to this office for redemption, with an almost dead certainty of detection here and consequent loss to them.
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> All notes that come here for redemption are handled and inspected at least seven times, and many times oftener, by experts in the business, between the time of their receipt in and the time of their going out of this office. From this office they are sent, canceled, to the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, where they are counted and critically examined by other experts. And, finally, before they are destroyed and new notes issued in their stead, they are passed upon and certified to be correct in every particular and in all respects, by the agents of the banks themselves. Then there is the additional security that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is here in the Department, so that, in any case of real doubt, the note can be submitted and its genuineness passed upon by the very persons who were engaged in its manufacture.
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> As to the expense, I do not think that it will be as great as that which was incurred in former times, when there was a real redemption, for like services performed by certain city banks for other banks.
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> I fail to comprehend how there can be a loss of deposits in consequence of the law that authorizes this redemption. But perhaps this idea is not any more imaginary than some of the other supposed disadvantages that, it is alleged, the law imposes upon the banks. The great benefits bestowed by the law upon the banks are entirely and selfishly overlooked.
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> It is, however, very gratifying to know that with a very few exceptions, certainly not one in a hundred, the banks are well pleased, not only with the provisions of the law, but also with the manner in which it is being executed. All the officers of the national banks, who have visited the agency and inspected its workings, have, without a single exception, expressed their entire satisfaction with its conduct.

—It is said that the House Committee on Railroads and Canals have, by an almost unanimous vote, agreed to report a bill recommending the Government to guarantee the bonds of the Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad. The projectors of the road represent the country through which the road will pass as rich in coal and iron of the best quality, and offer to carry freights at one-half the present rates.

—A petition is now circulating among the Northern Pacific Railroad bondholders for signature, asking Congress for legislation by which stockholders of corporations created by it can be compelled to pay up the amount of their stock, as they could be if the corporations were organized under State laws. The petition represents that only $200,000 has been paid on the subscriptions to stock of the Northern Pacific Railroad, $18,300,000 remaining unpaid.

—The San Francisco *Bulletin* of December 12 says: "It will be remembered that when the national gold banks were first organized on this coast, such was the distrust with which paper money was regarded by the people that very few of their notes found their way into circulation. Two years ago the Government Examiner was told by the officers of these institutions that they were required daily to redeem their notes in great numbers at their counters. This was owing to the fact that the people, being unaccustomed to the use of paper money, did not care to retain it, through some imaginary fear or loss. The State banks were prohibited by severe penalties from issuing any paper money. A remarkable change has been wrought in public opinion during the past two years. People have ascertained not only that the notes readily command their equivalent in gold, but that for every $80 in this form in circulation there is held for their redemption security equal to $100 gold value. This latter fact they were long ignorant of and slow to comprehend, but now that it is thoroughly understood, the notes are eagerly sought after, because of their convenience in transportation, and in daily business operations. The aggregate amount retained in the vault of each bank is now less than three-fourths of one per cent. of its entire circulation. Two years ago it exceeded, in every instance, more than half the circulation. Then the banks were constantly occupied in redeeming their paper issues; now they are obliged to refuse an exchange of paper for gold every hour of the day. This currency has become an absolute necessity in commercial and business transactions, and the multiplication of gold banks would be generally regarded with favor."

—The following stocks were sold last evening by A. McIlwaine, auctioneer, at his stock sales rooms, 106 Smithfield street:

Exchange National Bank	$ 70 00
Citizens' National Bank	68 50
Third National Bank	131 00
Merchants and Manufacturers' National Bank	69 00
People's Insurance Company	50 00

—In our regular table of quotations of New York stocks to-day is given, in the *last column*, the prices of some of the leading stocks for December 22, 1873, for the purpose of comparing the relative values for to-day and a year since.

December 22, 1874.	10:30 A. M	11:30 A. M	12:30 P. M	1:30 P. M	2:30 P. M	Dec 22, 1873.
Gold	111⅝	111½	111⅝	111½	111½	110½
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup.	121	....	121		....	....
5-20's, 1862	113⅛	....	113⅛		....	....
5-20's, 1864	115¼	....	115⅛		....	....
5-20's, 1865	117¼	....	117¼		....	114
5-20's, 1865, new	119⅛	....	119⅝		....	....
5-20's, 1867, coup	120⅜	....	120⅜		....	118⅜
5-20's, 1867, reg	117	....	117		....	....
5-20's, 1868	120⅜	....	120⅛		....	....
10-40's	113⅛	....	113⅜		....	....
10-40's, coupons	114¼	....	114¼		....	....
Currency 6's	117⅛	....	117¼		....	....
New 5 per cents	113⅛	....	113⅛		....	111⅛
Western Union Tel.	80	80¼	....	79⅞	80	73⅞
Quicksilver	....	....	....	....	33½	....
Pacific Mail	34⅝	35	34⅜	34⅞	35	37⅛
Panama	....	113	....	114¼	....	....
Adams Express	....	117	....	....	116	....
Wells-Fargo Express	....	82	....	....	82½	....
American Express	....	61½	....	....	61½	....
United States Exp's	....	61½	....	....	62	....
New York Central	....	100⅛	100½	100½	100¼	95¾
Erie	....	27⅜	27⅛	27	....	44½
Michigan Central	....	80¼	....	....	80¼	....
Michigan Southern	79½	79⅝	79⅞	79⅞	79⅞	75½
Illinois Central	....	97	....	....	97⅛	....
Cleveland & Pitts	....	87½	....	....	88	....
Chicago & Northw'n	44½	44⅜	44⅜	44½	45	55⅜
Do. preferred	....	....	....	59	62	69
Rock Island	101¼	101¼	101	101	....	98¼
St. Paul, common	36⅛	36¼	36½	36¼	36⅛	40⅛
Do preferred	....	....	....	56⅛	....	62½
Wabash, common	24	24⅛	....	23⅞	....	50½
Fort Wayne	....	94	....	94⅛	....	....
Ohio & Mississippi	30	30⅛	....	30⅛	....	30
Union Pacific	34½	34½	....	34½	....	30⅜
Harlem	....	127	....	....	127	120
Hannibal & St. Joe	....	26⅛	....	....	24⅜	....
Atlantic and Pacific	....	....	....	15½	....	....
Iron Mountain	....	....	27	....	....	....
C., C. & I. C	....	9¼	9⅛	....	6¼	....
Central Pacific 6's	....	....	95¾	....	....	96
Union Pacific 6's	....	....	92	....	....	84⅜
Tennessee, old	....	....	26	....	....	....
Tennessee, new	....	....	29	....	....	....
South Carolina, Apr.	....	....	78	....	....	....
South Carolina, July	....	....	79	....	....	....
Missouri 6's	....	....	97	....	....	....

—The following is a report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Central, sales	52¼	....
Pennsylvania Central scrip	105⅝	105⅞
Reading, sales	55	....
United Companies of N. Jersey, extra dividend	127¼	....
Oil Creek, sales	8¾	....
Lehigh Valley	61⅞	62
Central Transportation	44	44¼
Empire Transportation, sales	55	....
P. C. & St. L. mortgage bonds	74½	75
Gold	....	111⅝

GENERAL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, December 22, 1874.

The pre-existing sluggishness of general trade, combined with the unfavorable state of the weather made business, very slack to-day, and little was done in any department of wholesale buisness. Values generally are steady. We note a declining tendency in oats and corn, but learn of no other important change in quotations.

The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce by rail and river since our last:

Flour, bbls	2,199	Apples, bbls	474
Corn, sks	998	Wheat, sks	1,327
Barley, sks	340	Rye, sks	113
Oats, sks	2,934	Butter, pkgs	67
Bacon, tcs	67	Hay, bales	455

The following quotations are prices realized on wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Sales of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator:

GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.

GRAIN—The demand continues rather slow, and is hardly up to the stock in market. There was a fair attendance at the Corn and Produce Exchange this morning, but there were more sellers than buyers; and there were few transactions. We quote choice Kentucky white wheat at $1 35@1 38 ₩ bushel; extra Michigan white $1 25@1 27; Ohio and Illinois ditto $1 20@1 23; Ohio and Pennsylvania red wheat $1 16@1 18. Corn was somewhat weaker, and lower prices were obtained. We quote 76@77c per bushel for high-mixed and yellow; 74@75 for low-mixed. Ear is in fair supply but light demand with prices easy. The market is quotable at about 74@75c on track. Oats were in slight demand, and there was a tendency toward inside prices. We quote at 64@65c for white; 62½@63½c for mixed. Barley and rye were unchanged.

FLOUR—The following are the wholesale prices of the local millers: No. 1 white wheat flour $7 20 ₩ bbl; No. 1 amber wheat do $6 50; red wheat flour $6 10; in sacks 30c off ₩ bbl. The jobbing prices of leading dealers are as follows: Choice brands of white winter wheat flour $6 00@6 25; Wisconsin $5 75; Minnesota $5 75@6 00; red winter wheat flour $5 75@6 00; rye flour $5 75; Graham flour $5 75; self-raising flour in 6 ℔ packages, $6 25 ₩ doz packages; corn meal, old $3 75; new $3 40@3 50; oat meal $7 75@8 00.

HAY—We quote prime timothy, on track, at $22 50@23 50 ₩ ton; No. 2 do $20 00@21 00; inferior $15 00@18 00; baled hay from store is quoted at $24 00@25 00. Loose hay is selling at $28 00@29 00 for No. 1; $25 00@27 00 for No. 2. Straw is quoted at $15 00@16 00 ₩ ton.

MILL FEED—Bran is steady at $1 05@1 10 ₩ cwt; shorts at $1 30@1 40 ₩ cwt; middlings $1 55@1 65 ₩ cwt; chopped feed $1 70@1 80 ₩ cwt; oil meal $1 90@2 00 ₩ cwt.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

APPLES—Extra choice apples are quoted at $2 50 ₩ bbl; $2 00@2 25 for choice; $1 25@1 75 for common to medium. On large sales these prices would be shaded.

BUTTER—We quote at 30@32c for choice; 20@25c for medium 12@15c for common.

BEESWAX—Prime yellow beeswax is quoted at 31@33c ₩ ℔, in round lots; sales in a jobbing way are made at 38c ₩ ℔.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Buckwheat flour is rather easy, and in large supply at $3 50 ₩ cwt; $7 00 ₩ bbl; self-raising buckwheat flour is active, and a good jobbing trade is done; we quote in 6 ℔ packages at $4 20 ₩ doz packages.

CHEESE—We quote at 17c ₩ ℔ for Ohio factory; New York Goshen 17½@18c; Sweitzer 18@19c ₩ ℔.

EGGS—The market is comparatively steady. We quote at 28c ₩ dozen for strictly fresh in barrels; 29@30c in cases; pickled 20@25c.

CRANBERRIES—Cranberries are in good supply and prices steady with a fair trade. We quote $8 00@10 00 for Western; $10 00@12 00 for Eastern; $14 00 ₩ barrel for Sackett's.

GAME—There is a somewhat better demand, but the market is still rather slow. We quote as follows: Venison—saddles 17@18c ₩ ℔; whole deer 10@12c; prairie chickens $3 75@4 00 ₩ doz; pheasants $4 00@4 50 ₩ doz; quail $1 25@1 50 ₩ doz; wild duck $4 00@4 50; rabbits 35@40c ₩ pair; squirrels 25@30c ₩ pair. 26 antelopes consigned to a commission house in this city.

HOMINY—The market rules at $5 00 ₩ barrel.

FEATHERS—Are quoted as follows: No. 1, ₩ ℔, 65@70c for round lots; 73@75c in a jobbing way; No. 2, ₩ ℔, 20@50c, as to quality.

HOPS—We quote 1874's 45@50c; 1873's 30@35c; olds 15@22c.

MINCE MEAT—Is quoted at 10c ₩ ℔ in a jobbing way.

POTATOES—There is not much alteration in the demand for potatoes, which continues steady at about former prices, and a fair trade in a jobbing way from store is transacted. We quote at 90@95c ₩ bushel for prime peachblows; medium grades 75@85c ₩ bushel.

POULTRY—We quote at 10@12c ₩ ℔ for turkeys; chickens are in slow demand at 9@11c.

PRESERVES AND DRIED FRUIT—We quote dried apples at 5@6c ₩ ℔; dried blackberries 10c ₩ ℔; dried peaches are quoted at 8@9c ₩ ℔ for choice halves. Apple butter is quoted at 55@65c ₩ gallon; Honey is active and firm at 35c ₩ ℔ for clover; buckwheat blossom 25c ₩ ℔. Medium pickles are quoted at $9 00 ₩ bbl; $5 00 ₩ half barrel.

VEGETABLES—Prime white navy beans are dull and depressed at $2 00@2 25 ₩ bushel; medium $1 80@1 90; fair to good $1 50@1 70. Onions are in large supply at $3 50 ₩ bbl. for red; 3 90@4 00 for yellow.

VINEGAR—The market is dull, and there are few sales. We quote in a jobbing way at 13@15c ₩ gallon for prime; inferior 10@12c.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1874.

There is a quiet market, with the demand for crude not quite so strong as heretofore, and a little tendency toward lower prices. Refined continues firm at former quotations.

CRUDE.

We quote United at wells at 68¾@70c; immediate shipment at river 87½@90c. Sales of 4,900 bbls are reported from Parker's.

REFINED.

The market for refined is firm with a good demand, and tolerably active transactions. We quote at 9¾@9¼c for standard white on the cars.

New York—Refined is quoted at 11¼@11½c for early delivery.

Philadelphia—Spot refined is quoted at 11¼c.

OIL BARRELS

are unchanged at $1 30@1 35 for city; $1 20@1 25 for country.

TITUSVILLE, December 22.—The *Courier* says: There was no change in the market and no great amount of business doing. Sales:

1,800 bbls, upper road, spot	90 c
1,000 bbls, upper road, spot	92½c
800 bbls, upper road, spot	88½c
1,000 bbls, lower road, spot	89½c
500 bbls, lower road, spot	82½c
2,000 bbls, Oil City, spot	92½c
1,000 bbls, Oil City, spot	91¼c
3,000 bbls, Parkers, United, at wells	71¼c
1,300 bbls, Parkers, United, at wells	72½c

NEW YORK, December 22, closing 21.—Petroleum is again higher and strong, with rather more inquiry and lighter offerings. Of refined the sales were 2,000 bbls at 11¼c, closing at 11¼c for early delivery; crude in bulk is quoted at 5¼@5½c; cases at 16¼c for shipment; city naptha at 10½@10¾c; for Philadelphia delivery, there is a stronger market, and refined is quoted at 11⅛@11¼c.

PARKERS, December 22.—The market is quiet; United at wells 68¾@70c; immediate shipment 87½@90c.

TITUSVILLE, December 22.—Market quiet, with nothing doing at 90@91½c.

OIL CITY, December 22.—Market weaker at 87½c.

TIDIOUTE, December 22.—Market firm at 60c bid at wells.

ROUSEVILLE, December 22.—Market firm with higher prices; offering at 85c; held at 87½c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, December 22.—Market firm at 80c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—Market firm at 11¼c; crude in bbls 8⅝c; in bulk 5¼c; cases 16¼c; sales and futures—no quotations.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Lockhart & F	Brilliant O W	475
Lockhart & F	Lockhart & F	80
Robinson	Petrolite O W	74
Robinson	W E Potter	81
Stevenson	Liberty O W	950
D. Fisher	Sunbeam O W	231
Greer & Camp	Keystone O W	80
Jos Bushnell	Crystal O W	228
McKelvey	Vesta O W	947
Total		3,146

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, December 22, 1874.

The stock arriving and to arrive will not be above the average in numbers. There are quite a number of show cattle on sale, averaging in weight from 1,700 to 2,000 ℔s. These cattle are corn fed, and designed to grace the butchers' stalls during the holidays, and command top prices, fetching $7 50, $8 00 and even as high as $10 00. However, there does not seem to be the same disposition on the part of butchers to purchase this kind of stock, as, at the rates demanded, they claim there is no money in them.

Prices have not yet been fully established for the present week, but the indications are that they will not hold up to last week's figures. Extra cattle will demand good prices, whilst fair and medium stock will possibly sell at lower figures.

There were not the usual number of Eastern dealers in the market to-day, but it was expected that they would put in an appearance by to-morrow, when prices would be established and the market opened up in earnest.

In our next report we will furnish our readers with the sales of stock and prices received for the same during the past week, and such other information as may be of interest to the reader.

Quotations, as yet, do not differ materially from those given in our last report.

Iron Movement at St. Louis.

The following were the receipts and shipments of ore and pig iron for the week ending Saturday, December 19, 1874:

Routes.	Tons. Ore.	Tons. Pig.	Tons. Ore.	Tons. Pig.
S. L., I. M. and S. R. W	420	....	....	....
A. & P. R. W. to St. Louis	....	210	....	....
A. & P. R. W. to Carondelet	450	20	....	....
T. W. & W. R. W	....	....	....	40
C. A. & St. L. R. W	....	....	....	10
St. L., V., T. H. & I. R. R	....	10	10	10
O. & M. R. W	....	40	....	....
St. L., and S. E. R. W	....	....	....	40
Lower Miss. river	....	150	....	....
Total for the week	870	430	10	100
Previous week	1,200	480	220	236
A. & P. R. W., lead	190	....	....	....
Previous week	380	....	....	....
A. & P. R. W., zinc ore	180	....	....	....
Previous week	330	....	....	....

—*Republican.*

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The trade movement was slow in package and piece departments. Cotton goods moved steadily in small lots at unchanged prices. Chintz and shirting prints in fair request, but dark fancies quiet. Worsted coatings in good demand. Black alpacas selling well in low grades. Business was suspended in the morning on account of the funeral of Thomas P. Eldridge, which was very largely attended.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, December 22.—Flour steady with a moderate demand. Wheat—demand fair and prices advanced; No. 2 white Wabash $1 14½; No. 1 white Michigan $1 12; amber $1 10½. Corn 1@2c higher, closing easier; high-mixed, cash and seller January, 72½c; seller May 78c. Oats dull; No. 2, 56c; Michigan 56½c; white 58½c.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, December 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee 96c; No. 2, 90½c. Oats firmer and higher; No. 2 in store 51c. Corn higher and in fair demand; No. 2 mixed 66c. Rye higher and in good demand; No. 1 in store 97c. Barley in good demand; No. 2, $1 29.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, December 22.—Flour, wheat, corn and oats dull but unchanged. Rye firmer at 98c @$1 02. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Western butter dull; tub 31@33c; rolls 30@32c. Petroleum excited and firmer, held at 5¼@5⅜c. Coffee quiet and unchanged. Whisky dull and prices nominal at $1 02.

Nashville Market.

NASHVILLE, December 22.—Cotton quiet at 11¾@12¼c. Flour quiet at $4 50@6 00. Wheat steady at $1 15. Corn steady at 85c. Oats firm at 72½c. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Whisky—demand fair and market firm at $1 03.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, December 22.—Cotton nominal at 13½c. Flour, wheat and pork quiet and unchanged. Bacon—shoulders 9¼c; clear rib 12c; clear 14½c. Bulkmeats quiet and unchanged. Sugar cured hams 14½c. Lard 14¼@15¼c. Whisky 97c.

Memphis Market.

MEMPHIS, December 22.—Cotton steady at 13¼c. Flour firm and unchanged. Corn dull at 85c. Oats dull at 72c. Pork dull at $21 00. Lard dull at 14@15c. Bulkmeats dull at 7@7¼@9¾@10¼c. Dressed hogs firm at 8@10c.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, December 22.—Wheat firmer and 1c better at $1 06@1 12. Corn steady; shelled 72@73c. Petroleum strong; standard white 9c; Ohio State test 10c; small lots 1@2c higher.

Oswego Market.

OSWEGO, December 22.—Wheat quiet; extra white Michigan $1 40; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 22. Corn dull and prices nominal; high-mixed 92c. Barley quiet and unchanged.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, December 22.—Flour, wheat and corn quiet and unchanged. Oats dull at 54¼@56½c. Hogs $8 60@8 70.

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 111⅝.

NEW YORK, December 22, 1874.

MONEY,

after loaning at 4 per cent., closed at 3@3½. Prime mercantile paper 6@7½ per cent. There is considerable money still going South for cotton.

STERLING

firm for sixty days at 484½@485, and weak for sight at 489@490. Produce exports for the week $6,508,850, a decrease from last week of $733,963. Customs receipts $261,000.

GOLD

steady at 111½@111⅝; borrowing rates 3, 2 per cent., and flat; Treasury disbursements $120,000. Clearings $20,000,000. Specie engagements for to-morrow $100,000.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

dull.

U. S. coupons, 1881	121	5-20's, 1867	120⅞
5-20's, 1862	113⅛	5-20's, 1868	120⅞
5-20's, 1864	115⅛	10-40's	113
5-20's, 1865	117⅜	New 5's	114⅛
5-20's, 1865, new	120⅝	Currency 6's	117⅝

STATE BONDS.

quiet.

Missouri 6's	97	Do old	36
Tennessee, old	79	N. Carolina, old	23
Do new	78	Do new	12½
Virginia, new	38		

THE STOCK MARKET.

The excitement in stocks has subsided, the market being less feverish than any day since the attack commenced on Pacific Mail. At the opening of business the market was irregular but in the main higher, after which there was a decline of ½@1 per cent., which was followed by a full recovery. Later on there was another decline along the entire list of ¼@1½ per cent., with the chief decline in Pacific Mail, which was down on a report to the effect that the steamship City of Tokio was ashore at Barnegat; but on announcement that the report was incorrect, aided by a dispatch from Washington to the effect that Rufus Hatch had invited an investigation of the company's affairs by a committee of Congress, which invitation was accepted, the stock rallied from 34¼ to 35¼. The market was very strong at the final close, and a sharp advance was made in certain leading specialties. Northwestern common led the list in a rise to 46⅛, a clear advance of two points; Lake Shore rallied to 80⅞; St. Paul common to 37⅝; Pacific Mail to 36⅜; Western Union to 80¾, and Wabash to 24¼. The advance in Lake Shore was based on rumors of a 3½ per cent. dividend in February. A prominent feature of the market to-day was the large business done in sellers' option. The difference between seller 60 days and regular way was ⅜@⅞ per cent. in the case of the New York Central and Western Union, and ½@⅝ per cent. in Rock Island, Pacific Mail, Wabash, and Lake Shore.

The transactions aggregated 244,000 shares, of which 57,000 were Pacific Mail, 25,000 Western Union, 50,000 Northwest common, 5,000 Rock Island, 3,700 St. Paul, 5,000 Erie, 45,000 Lake Shore, 8,000 Ohios, 23,000 Wabash, and 21,000 Union Pacific. The following were the closing quotations:

Canton	52	Do preferred	56¾
W. U. Tel	80⅝	Toledo & Wabash	24¼
Quicksilver	34	Do preferred	38
Adams Express	116½	Ft. Wayne	94¾
Wells-Fargo Ex	82½	Chicago & Alton	104
American Express	61½	Do preferred	108
U. S. Express	62¼	Ohio and Miss	31¼
Pacific Mail	36	Terre Haute	7
N. Y. Central	100⅞	Do preferred	25
Erie	27⅛	Cleve., Col. & Cin.	65¼
Do preferred	42⅛	Burlington & Q	107
Harlem	127	Lake Shore	80¾
Do preferred	125	Illinois Central	97⅞
Mich. Central	80¼	Union Pacific stock	35⅛
Northwestern	46	Central Pacific bds	95⅞
Do preferred	59⅛	Union Pacific bds	92⅝
Rock Island	88	Del. & Lack	109
N. J. Central	80⅝	Panama	9¼
St. Paul	37⅝	Bankers' Bills	485½

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, December 22, 1874.

FLOUR—Dull and prices nominal.

GRAIN—Wheat—demand active and prices advanced but irregular, closing firm; No. 1 spring 92½c; No. 2, 90½c cash; 90⅝c seller January; No. 3, 84½@85c; rejected 78½c. Corn—demand fair and prices advanced; No. 2 mixed, old, 78½c cash; new 66⅝@66½c cash; 67c seller January; rejected 62½c. Oats—demand fair and market firm; No. 2, 54c cash; 53⅝c seller January; rejected 47@47½c. Rye—demand fair and market firm; No. 1, 97@98c. Barley—demand fair and market firm; No. 2, $1 24½ cash or seller January; No. 3, $1 10@1 14.

PROVISIONS—Pork—demand fair and market firm at $19 00 spot; $19 25 seller February; $19 50@19 70 seller March. Lard—demand active and prices advanced at 13.10c cash; 13.45c seller February. Bulkmeats steady with a moderate demand and unchanged.

WHISKY—steady with a moderate demand at 97c.

LATEST—On Call Board in the afternoon, wheat closed at 90½@90⅝c seller January; 91⅞@92c seller February. Corn steady with a moderate demand at 79c for old, cash; 72½c May, new; 66½c January. Oats quiet and unchanged in every respect.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Cotton quiet at 14⅜@14½c; futures closed steady; sales 26,000 bales. Flour quiet and steady; receipts 20,000 bbls; superfine Western and State $4 00@4 50; common to good $4 75@5 10; good to choice $5 00@5 60; white wheat extra $5 80@6 15; extra Ohio $4 75@6 60; St. Louis $5 00@8 00. Rye flour dull at $4 20@4 65. Cornmeal quiet at $4 30@4 75. Wheat 1c better; receipts 8,000 bushels; No. 1 spring $1 19@1 22; No. 3 do $1 08@1 10; No. 2 Chicago $1 10@1 13; amber $1 27@1 31. Rye quiet at 95@96c. Barley and malt quiet. Corn closing quiet; receipts 67,000 bushels; mixed Western, old, in store, 93½c; do afloat 95½c. Oats quiet; receipts 27,000 bushels; mixed Western 68@69½c. Hay firm at 55@60c. Hops unchanged. Coffee firm. Sugar quiet at 7¾@8⅛c. Rice unchanged. Petroleum firm and quiet; refined 11¼c; crude 5⅛c. Rosin firm at $2 20@2 30. Eggs firm at 28½@30c. Pork dull and nominal; old mess $19 75. Beef unchanged. Cut meats firm. Dry salted shoulders 8c. Middles firmer; long clear 10¼c. Lard firmer; prime steam 13⅞@13½c. Butter firm at 19@33c. Clover seed quiet and steady at 10@10½c. Cheese quiet at 12½@15½c. Whisky decidedly firmer at $1 02½@1 03.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, December 22.—Cattle—Receipts 225 head; total for the week 4,080 head. The run, as usual during the holiday week, was very light. The Christmas market opened full ½c advance over last week's prices; not the usual proportion of prime stock offering; the attendance of buyers was fair. Sales 600 Illinois steers, averaging 1,070 to 1,514 ℔s, at $4 75@6 50; 48 Indiana steers, averaging 1,140 to 1,248, at $5 50@5 85; 100 Michigan steers, averaging 925 to 1,275, at $3 75@4 87½; 100 Ohio steers, averaging 1,120 to 1,248, at $5 35@6 00; 18 Kentucky steers, averaging 1,266, at $5 70; 21 Cherokee steers, averaging 932, at $4 30.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 600 head; total for the week 8,000 head. Market ½c higher than last week for Western sheep; sales 1,800 Western sheep, averaging 85 to 97 ℔s, at $4 87½@5 12½.

Hogs—Receipts 400 head, being for the week 11,600 head. Market dull; Yorkers, $6 40@6 85; heavy hogs $7 00@7 25.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, December 22.—Cotton, flour and rye quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull at $1 00½@1 07½. Corn firmer; new 69@70c. Oats firm at 57½@58c. Barley more active; No. 3 $1 15@1 20. Whisky steady at 98c. Pork quiet at $19 50. Lard quiet at 13c. Dry salt meats held firmly at 6¾@9½@9¾c. Green hams 10½c; pickled do 10¾c. Hogs active and firmer; Yorkers $5 50@6 00; packing $6 25@6 70. Cattle—good local demand but prices unchanged.

LATEST—At the Brokers' Board this evening green hams were offered at 10½c; packed do at 10¾c, and 10¼c bid; 6¾c bid for dry salt shoulders; 9¾c bid for February. Lard offered at 13½c for December; 13c bid. Bacon—clear sides, packed, offered at 11¼c for January, and clear rib at 11¼c for January.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—Cotton steady at 13½c. Flour steady with moderate demand. Wheat dull and weak; red $1 08@1 10. Corn quiet at 70@71c. Oats steady at 58@62c. Rye dull at $1 09@1 10. Barley steady at $1 45@1 48. Oils unchanged. Butter, eggs and cheese firm. Pork opened dull with sales at 18½c and closed firmer at 18¾c bid and 19c asked. Lard strong; sales steam at 13c, closing at 13.05@13.12½c. Bulk meats quiet and unchanged; little done. Greenmeats quiet; shoulders 6⅞c; sides 9c; hams 10¼@10⅝c. Whisky—demand fair and market firm at 97c.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, December 22.—Cattle—Receipts 1,500. Market very quiet; buyers limited, but, owing to favorable New York advices, prices firmer; common to extra shipping quoted at $4 25@6 25; butchering $2 50@4 50; stockers $2 60@3 60. Shipments 227.

Hogs—Receipts 19,000. Market opened stronger, but closed 5@10c off best prices, the sales ranging at $6 00@7 25; trading chiefly at $6 50@6 90; packers' $6 75@7 00. Shipments 1,700.

Sheep—Receipts 2,000. Market active; shipping demand at full previous quotations for better grades.

Watertown Live Stock Market.

WATERTOWN, MASS., December 22.—Cattle—Receipts 405; supply light. Beef cattle in moderate request, dealers asking as high prices as last week, but only the choicest kind sold for the rates asked; ordinary grades very dull; choice $10 25@10 50; extra $9 75@10 00; first quality $9 00@9 50; second $6 50@8 50; third $5 00@6 00.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 581. Requirements of trade light; last week's prices hardly sustained. Sheep in lots, $2 50@3 75 each; extra $4 00@6 00; fancy sheep 7@7½c ₩ ℔.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, December 22.—Corn dull and lower; mixed 95c; white 97c. Oats dull and lower at 76c. Pork dull and nominal at $20 00. Molasses active and higher; interior 35c; fair 52@53c; prime to choice 54@60c. Others unchanged. Cotton—demand fair; sales 6,600 bales; prices irregular and somewhat easier, though not quotably lower; Receipts 7,533 bales. Exports—Great Britain 2,176 bales. Stock 223,553 bales. Unsold last evening 115,200 bales. On shipboard 103,000 bales.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; red $1 22@1 22½; white $1 35@1 40. Rye $1 00. Corn dull; yellow 82@83c; mixed 85@86. Oats dull; white 66½@67c. Petroleum steady; Refined 11⅜c; crude 8¼@8¼c. Butter quiet; Western prime 34@35c; choice Western rolls 30@32c. Cheese unchanged. Eggs easy; Western 29c. Whisky steady at $1 01.

Cincinnati Hog Market.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—Hogs—Receipts 5,742. Market active and firm; common $6 00@6 40; medium to fair $6 50@6 75; good packing and butchers' $6 85@7 00; extra $7 10@7 20. Very few left over unsold. Shipments 317.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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DEALERS IN
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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

Russia	December 23	Liverpool.
State of Florida	December 23	Glasgow.
Rotterdam	December 24	Rotterdam.
Frisia	December 24	Hamburg.
Baltic	December 26	Liverpool.
City of London	December 26	Liverpool.
Victoria	December 26	Glasgow.
Periere	December 26	Havre
Java	December 30	Liverpool.
Thuringia	December 31	Hamburg.
FROM PHILADELPHIA.		
Illinois	December 24	Liverpool.
Nenderland	December 28	Liverpool.
FROM BOSTON.		
Sarmatia	December 26	Liverpool.
FROM BALTIMORE.		
Leipzig	December 26	S'hampton.

RIVER TELGERAMS.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE, PITTSBURGH, PA., December 22, 1874.

The following is the daily report of the stage of water with changes in the twenty-four hours ending 3 P. M.:

STATIONS.	ABOVE L'W WR' Ft.	ABOVE L'W WR' In.	CHANGE + OR — Ft.	CHANGE + OR — In.	DIREC'N OF WIND.	STATE OF WEATHER
Brownsville	7	8	+2	4	W.	Lt. rain.
Cairo	6	10	—0	1	W.	Clear.
Cincinnati	11	7	+0	9	W.	Cloudy.
Davenport	3	0	+0	4	W.	Fair.
Keokuk	2	2	..	0	S. W.	Clear.
Louisville	6	5	+0	3	S. W.	Cloudy.
Memphis	4	11	..	0	W.	Clear.
Nashville	15	0	+2	10	W.	Cloudy.
Pittsburgh	8	9	+2	8	N.	Cloudy.
Shreveport	10	6	+0	1	Calm.	Clear.
St. Louis	4	6	..	0	W.	Clear.
Vicksburg	7	6	—0	8	Calm.	Clear.
Dubuque	5	9	—0	1	S. W.	Cloudy.

Greensboro.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

GREENSBORO, PA., December 22, 1874.

River 10 feet and falling. Weather rainy.

Morgantown.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., December 22, 1874.

River falling slowly, with 6 feet water in the channel. Weather rainy; thermometer 40.

Brownsville.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., December 22, 1874.

River falling, with 14 feet of water in the channel. Weather rainy; thermometer 42 at 5 P. M.

Wheeling.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., December 22, 1874.

River rising, with 7 feet 4 inches in the channel. Departed—Courier, for Parkersburg; Andes, for Cincinnati. Weather rainy and mild.

Oil City.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

OIL CITY, PA., December 22, 1874.

River 22 inches and stationary. Weather cloudy; snowing some.

NEW ORLEANS, December 22.—Arrived—John Kyle, Glencoe, Mary Alice and barges, St. Louis; John Howard, White river. Departed—C. B. Church, Cincinnati. Weather clear and pleasant.

LOUISVILLE, December 22—River rising fast with 6 feet 6 inches in canal and 4 feet 6 inches in Indian chute. Weather cloudy; prospect for rain.

MEMPHIS, December 22.—River stationary. Weather clear and pleasant. Arrived—Augusta, White river; Belle Lee, New Orleans. Departed—Belle of Texas, Arkansas river; Vint Shinkle, Exporter, Cincinnati; Mary Houston, Louisville; St. Luke, Vicksburg.

EVANSVILLE, December 22.—Weather cloudy; mercury 41 to 37; wind from the west. River risen 6 inches, with 8.3-10 feet on gauge. Down—Robert Mitchell, Sandy. Up—Lioness and barges, Gracy, Dick Johnson.

LITTLE ROCK, December 22.—River rising. Departed—Maumalee, for above.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—River 11 feet 10 inches and rising. Weather cloudy. Arrived—Shippers' Own, Evansville; H. S. Turner, Memphis. Departed—R. W. Skillinger, Pittsburgh; Hudson, Wheeling; Minneola, Memphis.

For Additional Dispatches see Fourth page

RIVER NEWS.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived.

E. Bennett	Donaldson	Geneva.
Geneva	M. A. Cox	Geneva.

Departed.

Elector	Abrams	Geneva.
Chieftain	Bougher	Geneva.
Geneva	M. A. Cox	Geneva.
Carrie Brooks	Darlington	Zanesville.

MONONGAHELA—8 feet 9 inches and stationary.

Boats Departing this Day.

Brownsville and Geneva—8 A. M. and 4 P. M.
Cincinnati, Exchange, Shuman—4 P. M.
Nashville, Laura L. Davis, Davis—4 P. M.

THE marks last evening indicated eight feet nine inches, when it came to a stand. The weather during the day was wet and disagreeable. Trade on the landing was active.

ARKANSAS river was rising at Little Rock on Saturday.

LABORERS refuse to work for forty cents an hour at Memphis, Saturday.

THE steamer Carrie Brooks, Captain Darlington, left for Zanesville on time.

THE coalmen were busily engaged yesterday in forwarding their tows to the lower ports.

THE river was full of floating ice at St. Louis, threatening to obstruct navigation.

THE Yazoo river has fallen to a low stage again, and several packets recently busy there have laid up.

THE mail packets on the slackwater leave punctually at 8 A. M. and 4 P. M. for all points on the slackwater.

THE steamer R. W. Skillinger, Captain Russell, was announced to leave Cincinnati for this port on Tuesday.

THE steamer Mollie Ebert, Captain Batchelor, is the first boat due. She will have dispatch for a return trip.

THE Salt Valley, Captain Sanford, leaves Ironton on Thursday for this port. She will return from here on Monday.

THE Mary Houston, which left New Orleans the same day as the Exporter, has six hundred tons for the Ohio river.

THE Nick Longworth is coming up from New Orleans with between seven and eight hundred tons, Capt. Merriclees in command.

DOYLE'S wing-dam is doing good service at Bessamer. When placed in position there was only two feet of water on the bar; now there is fully five.

THE fight between the Fannie Dugan and Carrie, in the Portsmouth and Ironton and Riverton trade, has ceased by the withdrawal of the latter.

A PORTSMOUTH dispatch of Sunday says: The steamer Carrie is sold to W. R. Strickelett and Willis Bagby, of Vanceburg, Kentucky, and will run from Portsmouth to Rome daily.

THE Vicksburg *Herald* says: The Belle Lee had the equivalent of 6,451 bales cotton, counting three sacks seed to the bale, and Alf. Grissom says the sacks would average that by actual weight.

THE punctual packet Granite State, Captain Kerr, will arrive on Thursday morning and will be ready to receive freight. She will return to Portsmouth on Friday at 3 P. M. Shippers will take notice.

THE Kate Kinney is doing well in her new trade. She recently left Helena with 2,000 bales of cotton and 30,000 staves, and took on several hundred bales below, going into New Orleans with a full cargo.

THE fine steamer Laura L. Davis, Captain Davis, is announced for Evansville, Smithland, Clarksville and Nashville this day. This boat is A No. 1 in all respects. She will go through without reshipping.

W. C. HARDWICK and his two potato boats were at Vicksburg, bound South, on Tuesday last. He was offered $3 00 per bbl for his bulbous fruit at Vicksburg, and this is 35 cents lower than he could have received at points higher up the river.

THE splendid passenger steamer Exchange, Captain S. Shuman, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville this day. Passengers and shippers will bear this in mind. The clerks are Messrs. Harbison, Dales and Clark, a pretty strong team.

SATURDAY'S Memphis *Avalanche* says: The towboat Keystone passed here, bound to the mouth of White river, yesterday, with 60,000 bushels of lower Ohio coal to replenish the stock at that point.

A considerable quantity of cotton is received here from the plantations of the Yazoo river, and it generally comes by way of Vicksburg, per steamer.

ANOTHER Government expedition will start for the Isthmus on the 2d of January to complete the surveys for the projected interoceanic canal by what is known as the Napipi route. It will ascend the Atrato river in steam launches. The object of this expedition is to obtain such extensive and definite data concerning the topography along the Napipi line as will enable the commissioners to compare it with that of Nicaragua, which has been much more thoroughly surveyed.

THE SITUATION AT ST. LOUIS.—The river has reached a stand at this point. Steamboatmen are predicting low water throughout the remainder of the winter, and the river is bound to be a dull thing until spring. The Carrol-Baker line have sent down their last boat until further notice, and a general stagnation of river interests is apparent. As to rates south, there seems to be no fixed figure. The barges make rates to suit themselves, depending no longer on the association of boat-owners to arrange the prices of transportation.

CHICAGO has long cherished direct trade with foreign countries, and at length her desires are in a large degree being gratified. Recently the lake city has had large receipts of coffee from Rio direct; of fruit direct from Malaga, via Boston, while tea is laid down from China and Japan, via San Francisco, and wheat and provisions are shipped direct to Liverpool on the cars that have discharged coffee and fruit. The achievements have been differently explained, but they warrant some part of the pride felt in them under any explanation.

THE Pacific Railroads have closed their negotiations with the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company for a new line of steamers between San Francisco and China and Japan. It is definitely announced that three fine vessels have already been chartered in England through Captain G. H. Bradbury, and that they will certainly be ready to make their first trips next February, when the new tea crop will be in condition for shipment. The vessels will leave Great Britain for San Francisco immediately.—*New York Shipping List.*

IMPORTANT TO STEAMBOATMEN.—Captain John Cannon has won his great wharfage case against the city of New Orleans in the United States Supreme Court. In this case the court held that the ordinance of the city of New Orleans imposing levee dues on vessels which stop at the wharves of the city, or moor in the waters of the Mississippi river within the city limits, is not compensation for the use of the wharves, but a tax upon such vessels for the privilege of landing or mooring, and as thus viewed, as the assessment or tax is measured by the tonnage of vessels, it falls directly within that clause of the Constitution prohibiting a State from laying such a duty without the consent of Congress. It proceeded that a municipality building wharves and piers for the use of commerce may properly require some compensation from vessels using them, but it is said that in so doing care should be taken not to go beyond the sphere of State authority as limited by the Federal Constitution.

THE New Albany *Ledger-Standard* says: All of our boatmen have been assessed by the Government a small stipend in maintenance of marine hospitals, and we are glad to know, especially when this inclement season approaches, making disease and disability more plentiful, that ample provisions for the care of such victims are so immediately at hand. The hospital across the river in sight of our city, receives the following deserved compliment, and is but the echoing sentiment heard throughout the country: "Since the rise in the river a large number of marines have been admitted to the Marine Hospital at this place. Many of them have come from distant points, to be treated by Dr. Griffiths, the surgeon in charge. The increase has been so great as to necessitate the erecting of several new wards. The kind treatment of patients by the Sisters of Mercy and surgeon so favorably impresses the marines that they always come back to this hospital when possible for them to do so. Dr. Griffiths is very popular and kind to his guests."

THE Cincinnati *Commercial* of yesterday contains the following warning, which may be read with interest here: "The Government officials have information that steamers on the Ohio river are using oil not up to the standard, which is not only contrary to law, but highly dangerous to life and property. It is possible that ignorance of the law and the quality of the oil prevails, but here is what the rules of the Supervising Board of Inspectors say on the subject:

"Any oil that will stand a fire test of three hundred degrees Fahrenheit may be carried as freight or used as stores on passenger steamers."

Messrs. Editors: The above extract from the steamboat law was engrafted in the present bill, not to conserve to public safety, but at the instance of speculators to give a down east patent vendor an opportunity for compelling the steamboatmen to patronize his "patent oil of 300 fire test," also his patent burner. The "patent 300° fire test oil" is sold at three times the price for which as safe and better illuminators can be had of *Western manufacture*, without a patent royalty attached thereto. And then, again, to enable the steamboatmen to get any light at all from this 300 fire test oil, they must purchase a "patent" burner at over five times the cost of a better one not patented. When this "patent 300 fire test oil" does take fire, it is impossible to put it out by any appliance as yet known. The press of the great West should do its best to knock off the patent jobbery shackles which are now so crippling our steamboat interests in their legitimate commercial movements. H.

Local Steam Engineers.

The Local Steam Engineers Association met at the Polytechnic, President Chas. Lesser in the chair.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, candidates having been placed in nomination at the last meeting. The election was held by ballot and resulted in favor of the following named gentlemen: President, Chas. Lesser; Vice President, Wm. D. Young; Corresponding Secretary, Robert Burns; Financial Secretary, John Mc. D. Stewart; Treasurer, J. S. Jones; Auditing Committee, Hugh Reed, T. W. Saymore and J. Mc. D. Stewart; Board of Examiners, Hugh Reed, Jos. Ryan, Wm. Gillespie.

A movement was set on foot to induce manufacturers to offer a premium to be given at the next Fair for the best engine, boiler and boiler feeder made by St. Louis manufacturers. The meeting then adjourned.—*St. Louis Republican.*

Ships and Shipping.

The owners of the foreign steam lines of packets which trade between the United States and Europe have wisely withdrawn many of their large and most expensive vessels, in consequence of which the rates for freight in those which are now running are improving. The trade between Europe and America has not fallen off; the main difficulty (and probably will be for years) is that more vessels are provided to carry it than are necessary. A suspension of ship-building for one year would do much to improve the trade; but this will not be the case while capital is seeking employment. Our own ship-builders are not likely to produce many vessels during the incoming year, but this will tend as an encouragement to Provincial and British ship-owners to engage in new enterprises. Thus it will be seen that no general improvement can be expected until repeated failures admonish ship-builders and everywhere to be more prudent. The storms of winter will probably destroy many vessels, but there will still be enough left to take their places. It is an important fact in connection with shipping that eventually, in this country, the underwriters have to pay for them; and this fact is so well known that the premiums charged are based on this presumption. We question whether there are a dozen vessels in a year condemned or broken up throughout the entire length of our seaboard. They are kept running while any person can be found to insure them. When a ship is too old to have her planking removed, she is generally sheathed over all with pine, and is expected to run, at least, three years without repairs. If the upper-works hold out, the bottom can be tinkered up with sheathing. Much may be said in favor of old vessels; their age is evidence of having been well built of good materials, and also that they have been lucky. Now luck in a vessel is generally regarded as a consideration of more than ordinary importance. We might mention many fine vessels which are always in trouble, and others which have run twenty-five years and always been fortunate. The commanders in all cases have been men of tried ability, who have not failed in the discharge of a single duty; but unfortunate circumstances combined against them which skill could not avert. Of course these peculiarities may be classed under the head of "coincidences," but their recurrence is too frequent to escape notice. Men's works, like themselves, are lucky or unlucky; this has always been the case, and probably always will be.—*New York Shipping List.*

Another Coal Run.

The rise in our rivers made things lively on the landing. The coal men were busily engaged Monday night and yesterday getting their tows in order, and before this issue of the COMMERCIAL reaches our readers, a fleet of 39 tow boats with 393 barges, containing 4,559,000 bushels of coal, will be steaming down the Ohio. It will arrive at Cincinnati about Christmas. If the water holds up other boats will follow. The prospect for another rise before the close of the year is favorable.

CINCINNATI.

Towboats.	Barges, &c.	Bushels.
Samuel Clark	42	154,000
Joseph Warner	8	90,000
Lion	9	110,000
Hornet No. 2	11	132,000
John F. Dravo	4	48,000
John F. Dravo	4 coke	40,000
Panther	10 coal	120,000
Jas. A. Blackmore	8	90,000
Coal City	14	160,000
Joseph Walton	10	120,000
George Lysle	9	110,000
Whale	10	115,000
Tom Rees	9	110,000
Sam Miller	9	110,000
My Choice	12	138,000
Leopard	10	115,000
Joseph A. Stone	10	120,000
Coal Valley	11	125,000
Grand Lake	8 and 1 m	120,000
Jim Brown	9	100,000
John Penny	9	110,000
Charley McDonald	9	100,000
Bengal Tiger	10	120,000
Total	218	2,547,000

FOR LOUISVILLE.

Towboats.	Barges, &c.	Bushels.
John Deppold	8 and 1 flat	95,000
Ella	8 and 2 flats	95,000
Mary Ann	10 and 4 s b	130,000
Tom Dodsworth	12	138,000
Fred Wilson No. 2	10 and 1 f b	115,000
Enterprise	10	115,000
Boaz	12	138,000
Baltic	10	115,000
Dick Fulton No. 3	10	115,000
Joseph H. Bigley	12	138,000
J. Sharp McDonald	14	161,000
Samson No. 2	10	120,000
Eagle	6	72,000
Diamond	10	110,000
John Gilmore	9 and 1 hull	133,000
Fair Play	6 coal	73,000
Fair Play	1 coke	20,000
Total	167	1,883,000

NEW ORLEANS.

Towboats.	Barges &c.	Bushels.
Ark	10	120,000

RECEIPTS OF MERCHANDISE.

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

Reed & Co, 7 bxs soap; Frazier, M & Co, 77 bdls paper; W Flaccus & Son, 22 hides; L J Blanchard, 3 brls apples; J A Dietz, 10 do flour; Keil & R, 50 do do, 230 bgs oats; G L Peabody, 100 brls flour; Voigt, M & Co, 5 pc eggs, 4 kegs butter; Armstrong Bros & Co, 10 brls bungs; P Duff & Son, 324 sks potatoes; H J McCracken, 150 brls apples; T C Jenkins, 25 bxs soap; Caskey & S, 75 do do; W H Byram, 52 brls 1 oil; Bailey, F & Co, 245 pgs lead; W J Meek, 457 sks rye; F Sellers & Co, 60 tcs hams; T C Jenkins, 1,600 sks flour, 300 brls do; Schomaker & Co, 200 do do; F W Jenkins, 400 sks do; R Owens, 25 brls 1 oil, 1,022 pcs hams; W Hays, 10 brls 1 oil; Arbuckles, 10 do do; M Marshall & Co, 15 bbls spirits; J O'Connor, 6 do do; Dierker & T, 5 do do; J K Lanahan, 6 do do; Weiler Bros, 13¼ do do; E H Myers & Co, 20 do hams; M McCullough, 10 do spirits; Getty & Co, 15 do do; Hussey, W & Co, 15 do r teeth; G H Bennett, do liquor; Rodelheim & A, 10 do do; G A Kelly & Co, 10 do alchohol; McHenry & H, 1 car e corn; C H Stinchfield, 1 do hay; McQuennan & D, 1 lumber; J D Layng, 1 do trees; Irwin & H, 1 do hay.

ELEVATOR—McHenry & Hood, 4 do oats; S B Floyd & Co, 1 do do; W H Graff & Co, 1 do do; G Turner, 1 do do; Haworth & D, 2 do do; W Welsh & Co, 2 do do; W G Miller, 1 do do.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—R Knox & Son, 1 car hay; J Evans, 1 car poultry; Hack & S, 1 car middlings; Adams & K, 100 bbls flour; Houck, McC & Co, 1 car oats; G Burns, 100 bbls flour; Holmes & Co, 1 car lime; H Lenz, 8 pkgs d poultry, 1 bbl eggs, 4 do apples; J Adams, 4 pkgs d poultry, 3 sks d fruit, 1 keg eggs, 2 bbls apples; L Crouse, 6 do d poultry, 1 keg eggs, 2 bxs poultry; G M Ferron, 1 case eggs; J Herbert, 10 bbls apples; J Heck, 4 pkgs poultry; A Heizenroder, 2 bbls apples, 1 do eggs, 4 pkgs poultry, 1 can lard, 1 keg sunds; R Carson, 2 pkgs poultry; W & J Carson, 1 bbl apples; Fred Gilbert, 13 pkgs poultry, 1 firkin butter; F Esenwine, 14 bbls poultry, 16 do apples, 2 do eggs, 1 sk onions; J C Meyers, 2 d hogs; Chas Coffin, 1 lot h h goods; Jas Miller, 4 bxs mdse; H Esenwine, 5 pkgs butter, 1 sk beans; C F Bauman, 3 bxs poultry, 1 pk eggs, 1 kg butter, 1 bbl apples; E. J. Cook, 12 augurs; Jas Crawford, 1 bark mill, 4 pkgs castings; M B Suydam, 47 bgs f seed; Lutz & W, 1 cider mill, 1 wheel, 1 crank; H Temme, 1 cask e wara; J L Wylank, 9 bxs f fish; Reed Bros, 1 car lumber; Young & B, 3 do barley.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad.

E Fox & Co, 70 bbls eggs; Curry & Metzgar, 15 do d peaches; Weyman & Bro, 1 hhd tobacco; F Sellers & C Co, 3 casks s c shoulders, 2 tcs do; M McCullough, Jr, & Co, 20 bbls whisky; National Oil Works, 45 empty oil bbls, 3 bbls residuum; Fred Schuchman, 25 do flour, 160 sks do; H Schnelbach, 1 car bulk chop; J H Loh & Co, 2 bbls eggs, 4 kegs butter; W Long & Co, 5 hhds sugar; Dilworth Bros, 20 bbls molasses; Voigt & McGraw, 15 bxs candles; F Sellers & Co, 20 kegs pigs feet, 5 hf bbls do, 10 tcs sausage; S A Stephenson & Bro, 13 hhds sugar; Dilworth Bros, 30 bbls molasses; Davis, Chambers & Co, 500 pigs lead; Dillinger & S, 100 bbls flour; Aiken, Wallace & P, 1 car baled hay; Laing & McKallip, 150 bbls cement; W C Hopper, 1 car lumber; Pgh Tar and Chemical Works, 55 bbls dead oil; H Schnelbach, 1 car baled hay; Laing & McKallip, 1 car bulk chop; S B Floyd & Co, 525 sks oats; D G Stewart, 200 bags bran, 51 bush corn; R Knox & Son, 100 bbls flour.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad.

B D Moore, 150 oil bbls; J & W Fairley, 199 sks e corn; John P Dean, 1 bale excelsior; Steel & Espenstein, 5 bbls crackers; Watt, Lang & Co, 400 bags and 100 bbls flour; P Duff & Son, 25 bbls beans; C Sanders, 3 do d apples, ½ do d peaches; Voigt, M & Co, 1 do beans, 1 do apples, 2 boxes poultry, 1 keg lard; Wm Stewart, 1 bbl cider; C Wetsch, 60 bbls flour, 160 sks do; H W Buffum, 2 bxs empty bottles; J C Buffum, 3 do do; Reymer & Bro, 1 bbl crackers; W J France, 10 bbls f flour; Spencer, McKay & Co, 3 empty ale bbls; Wm Flaccus & Son, 10 rolls leather, 1 sack tails, 5 bbls grease, 3 empty oil bbls; J A McQuaide 1 bbl apples; W F Richards, 1 car lumber; S & W H Martin, 1 car lumber; South Pittsburgh P M Co, 1 car lumber; J Boyd, 4 bxs s wine; T J Weise, 12 bdls chairs; W H Lemon, 6 bdls chairs; F Pollard, 1 bx s cases; Fairbanks, M & Co, 15 boxes scales; Geo Davis, 4 cases greas; B Rothimund & Co, 24 bdls chairs, 6 s racks; Z Wainwright, 4 e hf ale bbls; A S Murphy & Co, 11 cutting bxs, 12 wheels, 1 bdl wheels and castings; Haworth & D, 5 kegs lard; Means & Sweeney, 15 bbls apples; B Miller, 6 sacks corn; Beckert & G, 4 dressed hogs; M W Rankin & Co, 2 kegs lard; 5 tubs lard; P Duff & Son, 14 bbls d apples.

Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Isabella Furnace Co, 12 cars limestone; J Graham, 2 cars hay; G W Dithridge & Co, 1 car lath; J B Stewart, 1 car pine; C L Ice Co, 1 car ice; A L Schaffer, 1 car lumber; H Blackstone, 1 car cement; J L Lowrie, 3 cars stone; Lucy Furnace, 1 car cinder; Aiken, W & P, 3 cars potatoes; E D Nettleton, 1 box steel; M McCullough, Jr, & Co, 2 e kegs; J Callery & Co, 67 bdls hides; Young & B, 42 e barrels; Z Wainwright, 6 e bbls; D DeHaven & Son, 1 grate; A Kirkpatrick & Co, 5 sacks rags; W Flaccus & Son, 8 bdls hides; Head, Carson & Co, 2 bxs butter; J M White & Son, 2 do poultry; John Smiley, 1 bx butter, 1 sck beans; T White, 7 sks flour; A Baukamp, 1 bx butter, 1 keg eggs; W Hoffman, 3 hogs; P Martin, 1 bx butter, 1 keg eggs; W D West, 80 scks oats; P Loester, 2 hogs, sck corn; G Kann, 21 bdls hides; Freese & A, 2 bxs butter; 1 bx poultry, 1 sck flour; A Reismeyer, 2 bxs butter, 2 do poultry, 1 bbl eggs, 2 scks flour; E F Schannecker, 1 sck oats, 1 do c meal, 1 do flour; A J Scott, 1 bx poultry, 4 scks oats, 16 do corn; Henry Shepherd, 14 scks oats, 30 do corn; J McD Crossan, 23 cans milk, 9 bskts veg; W J Hammond, lot scrap iron.

Coal Received by A. V. R. R.

	Cars.		Cars.
N Y & C G C Co	78	Armstrong, D & Co.	15
Total			93

Receipts of Blooms, Pig Metal and Ore.

The following are the receipts of blooms, pig metal and ore for the past twenty-four hours:

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY.

	Cars.		Cars.
Nimick & Co, m	5	Brown & Co, m	3
Caughey & H, m	15	Shoenberger & Co, o	10
J Moorhead, m	5	Reese, Graff & W, m	11
Total			[illegible]

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

	Cars.		Cars.
Caughey & H, m	5	Reese, G & W, o	2
Lucy Furnace, o	5	Cambria Iron Co	21
Dilworth, P & Co, m	3	Isabella Furnace o	12
Total			48

RIVER PACKETS.

BROWNSVILLE AND GENEVA.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PITTSBURGH, BROWNSVILLE AND GENEVA PACKET CO.
LEAVES DAILY AT 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.
LEAVES BROWNSVILLE AT 5 A. M. and 12 M.
For all Points on the Monongahela River.
The 8 A. M. Packet from Pittsburgh will connect at Monongahela City with the 11:15 train from Pittsburgh, on Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad. The 5:00 A. M. Packet from Brownsville connects at Monongahela City with 8:30 A. M. train, reaching Pittsburgh at 10:40 A. M.
STEAMER GENEVA..........CAPT. M. A. COX
STEAMER ELECTOR..........CAPT. R. R. ABRAMS
STEAMER CHIEFTAIN..........CAPT. J. L. HENDRICKS
STEAMER E. BENNETT..........CAPT. P. DONALDSON
For further particulars, inquire on Wharfboat, foot of Grant street, Pittsburgh.
No freight will be received after 5 o'clock.
A. S. CARLISLE, Agent.
R. R. ABRAMS, Superintendent.

ZANESVILLE.

For Marietta and Zanesville.
EVERY TUESDAY—3 P. M.
THE FINE LIGHT DRAUGHT STEAMER
CARRIE BROOKS,
HARVEY DARLINGTON..........Captain.
Will leave as announced.
For Freight or Passage apply on Board, or to
J. D. COLLINGWOOD, or
FAIRMAN & HENDERSON, Agents.

IRONTON.

For Parkersburg, Gallipolis and Ironton
EVERY MONDAY—4 P. M.
Leaves Ironton Every Thursday—10 A. M.
THE FINE PASSENGER STEAMER
SALT VALLEY,
T. S. SANFORD..........Captain
E. F. MADDY..........Clerk
Will leave as announced above.
For Freight or Passage apply on Board, or to
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PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF.

SEALED PROPOSALS in duplicate for supplying the Troops at this Post with FRESH BEEF for six months, commencing the 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1875, will be received by the undersigned until 10 o'clock A. M. DECEMBER 28TH, 1874.

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The Beef must be of the best quality, from the highest grade of Cattle—Necks, Shanks and Suet excluded, and is subject to inspection by the proper Agent of the Subsistence Department.

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CITY MATTERS.

Local Observations

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV.,
Room 23, First National Bank,
PITTSBURGH, PA., December 22, 1874.

Time	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum.	Wind Dir.	Wind Force	Weath.
7 A.M	29.80	38	78	S. E.	Light.	Foggy
2 P.M	29.68	45	68	S. W.	Gentle	Cloudy
9 P.M	29.90	38	81	W.	Light.	Cloudy

Mean barometer..29.82 Highest thermom....41
Mean thermom.... 39 Lowest thermom.....31
Rainfall............ .03

Flour By River.

Steamer Messenger arrived yesterday with a cargo of Penn Mills flour, consigned to F. W. Jenkins & Bro., of this City.

Coal Works Accident.

James Bennett, employed at Risher's coal works, was seriously injured yesterday morning. He was engaged in shoving empty cars, and while on the track, other cars were run upon him. He was knocked down, and suffered the crushing of his foot and the breaking of his leg in two places. The injured man was taken to Passavant's Hospital.

The Temperance Festival.

The fair and festival, opened by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at the rooms of the Alliance, corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street, was largely attended last evening, and the results quite satisfactory. It will continue to-day and to-morrow. The attention of business men, clerks and others is called to the fact that dinner will be served from 12 to 2 P. M. and supper from 6 to 9. Christmas presents are for sale.

Allegheny Committees.

The Park Commission met last evening. The only business transacted was the approval of bills amounting to $335. The Commission adjourned to meet next Tuesday, to finish up the business for the year.

The Finance Committee also met and transacted the usual routine business. The Controller presented a statement showing the condition of the various appropriations, all of which has been published from time to time in the proceedings of the other Council committees.

Temperance Meeting.

A temperance meeting was held last evening at Smithfield Methodist Episcopal Church, under the auspices of the Woman's Temperance Alliance. Mrs. Smith occupied the chair, with Mrs. Hill and Miss Haller as secretaries.

A resolution was adopted inviting all temperance societies and lodges to take part with the Alliance.

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to petition manufacturers and tradesmen to change their pay days from Saturday to Monday or Tuesday, was refered to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Broom, of Cleveland, delivered an address.

Alleged Forcible Entry.

George F. Fecke was arrested last evening by officer Seth Wilmot on a warrant issued by Alderman McMasters, sued out by Mr. L. Marshall, who charges the defendant with forcible entry and detainer. Mr. Marshall claims to have become owner of the Armenia House, a saloon No. 411 Liberty street, opposite the Union Depot, by virtue of purchase at public sale. Fecke also claims the ownership and, as alleged, broke open the establishment (which had been closed) and proceeded to do business. A hearing in the case will likely be had today.

For Christmas Gifts.

One of the finest assortments of beautiful toys for holiday presents to be found in the city, is now on exhibition at the store of Mrs. Jane Briggs, corner of Washington street and Fifth avenue. She has also a large and elegant stock of fancy articles both useful and ornamental selected by her personally in the Eastern markets expressly for the Christmas holidays—to which we invite the attention of our readers.

The prices at which these goods are offered are lower than any of the down town establishments, with high rent and immense expenses, can offer the same articles. Before making your selections call upon Mrs. Briggs and examine her fine stock and learn prices.

Fire at Mount Washington.

A fire occurred at Mount Washington yesterday morning about two o'clock, destroying three two-story frame houses in the rear of Wilbert's tavern, a short distance from the head of the Inclined Plane Railway. The house in which the fire originated had been occupied by William Holly, a puddler's helper, but he had removed only Monday morning for the purpose of digging coal upon the line of the river. The building was fully insured, and was owned by George Miller. The fire communicated to the adjoining building, owned and occupied by Charles Rohrkaster. The occupant had an insurance of $500 on the furniture and $700 on the house, in the Lycoming, which will fully cover the losses. The third house was owned by George Sentle and occupied by Jacob Spang. The bulk of the furniture in the latter house was saved. Mr. Sentle was insured in Stevenson's agency, but the policy, by some oversight, had expired. It is thought the fire was caused by an incendiary. Deputy Fire Marshal Louis Houck is investigating the matter.

Identification of an Alleged Murderer.

Detective Grim, of Carbon county, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and upon seeing Neal Paul *alias* McGinley, who was arrested by Detectives Wilmot and Pender as a fugitive from justice, pronounced him the identical Neal Paul who is indicted in the Carbon County Court for the murder of Neal McBride.

The murder was committed on the night of the 14th of February, 1873, at a place called Beaver Meadows, Carbon county, about fourteen miles from Mauch Chunck. It is said that on the night stated Neal McBride, the murdered man, who was a miner, together with a number of others, Neal Paul among them, was in a tavern drinking. In the course of the evening a drunken man came in, and Paul was about to rob him, when McBride interfered and prevented the robbery. This led to a disturbance between McBride and Paul, but they did not at that time come to blows. When McBride started home, however, Paul followed and overtook him a short distance from the tavern, and by blows on the head with a handy-billy, inflicted injuries which caused his death soon afterwards. Paul was arrested by our detectives on Sunday night at No. 9 Wylie avenue. He had been in this city only about a week at the time of his arrest. Detective Grim will start this morning for Mauch Chunck with his prisoner.

Committee on Appeals.

The Committee on Appeals of Pittsburgh Councils held a meeting yesterday afternoon. The following petitions were allowed: Charles Armstrong, abatement on assessment of $33,052; Mrs. Hineman, reduction of assessment of property in Eighth ward of $1,700; John G. Fleishman, Twenty-fifth ward, abatement of tax to amount of $5,181, made through error in assessment; Peter O'Hanlon, abatement of tax in Thirty-sixth ward, by a reduction of assessment of $1,000; Mrs. D. McCafferty, abatement of $2,500, valuation of property in Fourteenth ward, destroyed by fire; F. Minnewick, on house in Sixth ward, which was removed in widening street; James Harris, for refunding overpaid taxes on property in Fourteenth ward; Wm. Huffnagle, abatement of taxes on property in Thirty-fourth ward, destroyed by fire; John B. Moore, for exoneration of personal tax; Wm. Wurzell, for reduction of occupation tax; H. W. Ritchie, for refunding of a portion of tax paid on property in the Fifth ward; Joseph Vogel, Fifteenth ward, for reduction of occupation tax; Elizabeth and Margaret Roberts, for reduction of taxes on property, in Eleventh ward; Susannah Simpson, for reduction of assessment of her property; A. D. Brewsted, for the refunding of overpaid taxes on property in the Thirty-second ward, also a correction of the assessment for the present year; J. M. Johnson, Seventh ward, reduction of assessment; John McGinness, for exoneration from taxes on house in Thirty-fourth ward, destroyed by fire; Catharine Wadsworth, for exoneration from taxes on property in the Fifth ward; Charles Hays, for abatement of the ten per cent. penalty on taxes in the First ward; W. C. & J. M. Taylor, for relief from taxes assessed on property destroyed by the flood of July 26th, 1874; John Wolfgang Smith, for refunding of overpaid taxes in the Fourteenth ward ($37 64 ordered to be refunded); Herman Stiggert, Twenty-sixth ward, for refunding of overpaid taxes; resolution for refunding overpaid taxes to Chambers & Dilworth, Twenty-first ward; R. Franklin, abatement of overpaid taxes on property corner of Center and Roberts streets; Alex. Hunter, for reduction of tax; Michael Anderson, for abatement of tax on three lots in the Twentieth ward.

Petition of flint glass-blowers in the Twenty-eighth ward, South Side, for abatement of occupation tax. Referred to County Commissioners.

The following petitions were refused: Managers of St. James Church, Thirty-sixth ward, asking the refunding of $21 11, taxes for 1874 on church property; of Fred. Smith, for reduction of assessment of 1874; of Charles Gainer, for abatement of taxes on property in the Thirty-second ward.

The following were referred to the City Assessor: Petition of Murray & Sullivan for correction of assessment on property in Thirty-second ward; of Jacob Hahn, for refunding of overpaid taxes; of Jonas R. McClintock, for reduction of taxes on property in Twenty-second ward, and that overpaid taxes be refunded; of Wm. Boyd, for correction of assessment on property in the Tenth ward.

Adjourned.

New Iron Front Building.

Franklin Savings Bank, Allegheny. Stockholders individually liable. Every inducement consistent with safe banking is offered to depositors.

THE SCHOOL LAWS.

The Revision as Made by the Commissioners.

An Abstract of the Proposed General Law, Giving the More Important Changes.

We have already reported the fact that, during last week, a commission were in session in this city engaged in the work of revising the school laws of the State. We are enabled to give to the public, as will be found below, a short synopsis of the result of their labors, but before doing so it may be well to give information relative to the commission and how it was appointed. Many people have been led to believe, from the notices heretofore given that this was a body appointed in pursuance of law. Such is not the fact however. We are informed that there is an organization in Philadelphia known as the Reform Association, which has undertaken a revision of all the general laws of the State, the various subjects being referred to different members of the organization. That of schools was placed in the hands of Mr. Edward Shippen, of Philadelphia, with power to appoint a committee for the purpose of revising our school laws. Mr. Shippen appointed Mr. Henry Parker, a Principal in one of the Philadelphia schools; Henry Houck, Deputy State Superintendent; Geo. J. Luckey, City Superintendent of Pittsburgh; George P. Hay, of Washington and Jefferson College, A. T. Douthett, Superintendent of Allegheny county, and J. P. McCaskey, B. F. Shaub and Edward Brooks, said, also, to be "well known educators." To each of these gentlemen, we understand, different branches of the subject were referred, with a request to codify the existing laws relating thereto and make suggestions of improvement, with reports thereon. Mr. Shippen prepared a bill and had the same printed and furnished to the members of the committee. The meeting in this city was for the purpose of revising and correcting. With this explanation we proceed to give an idea of the result of the labors of the Commission.

The bill provides for the appointment, by the Governor, of a Superintendent of Public Instruction, whose term shall be four years; said Superintendent to appoint five deputies and a Medical Inspector. The salary of the Superintendent shall be $5,000, each Deputy $2,500, the Medical Inspector $3,000. A County Superintendent shall be elected by the Controllers of the several districts thereof, with an assistant where the population, exclusive of cities and boroughs, reaches 100,000. There shall also be City and Borough Superintendents, and in cities of 100,000 there shall be an Assistant Superintendent. There shall be no independent school districts, and the Court shall make changes in lines when necessary. School districts shall be County, City and Borough. The Board of Education of each City district shall be composed of twenty-four Controllers, and six Controllers in each other district. These Controllers shall be appointed by the Court, to serve without pay, the term being three years, one-third going out every year. The change is to go into effect July 1, 1876.

The Boards are required to furnish a sufficient number of schools for the education of every individual above the age of six years in their respective districts. Evening schools may be established, as also half day schools. The Boards may, at their option, appoint committees of three for each school building whose duties shall be to visit and inspect such schools. The Boards shall own and control all property in their respective districts, and shall appoint all teachers, fix their salaries, &c. They shall, on or before the first Tuesday of July, 1876, and every three years thereafter, decide what books shall be used. Such books shall be purchased by the Boards out of the general fund and loaned to pupils while attending school. In May, 1876, and every fifth year thereafter they shall cause a census to be taken of all children in their districts, together with such items of information as may be desired by the Superintendent of public instruction. Industrial and technical schools may be established with the approval of the Superintendent.

The revenues of the several districts shall be: 1st. A *pro rata* proportion of the State appropriation for the support of public schools. 2d. Fines and penalties, in all cases in which they shall not be otherwise appropriated by law. 3d. School taxes and school building taxes levied separately in each school district, as provided. Any person found intoxicated upon the public highway shall be fined, upon view or proof, two dollars, which sum shall be applied for school purposes. The Board shall annually levy the regular school tax, and when necessary a special tax for building purposes, but in no district shall the building tax exceed the sum of $100,000 in any one year. The Medical Inspector is to visit all schools and report as to their sanitary condition. Attendance at school by children between eight and fourteen years, at least twelve weeks in each and every year, is made compulsory.

The bill as prepared is very lengthy, containing nearly two hundred sections and covering in detail the whole management of the public schools. It prescribes minutely the duties of controllers, and of all officers, tax assessors and collectors, auditors; regulates the examination of teachers and the granting of certificates; provides for the establishment and care of school libraries and covers the establishment and carrying on of Normal schools.

The proposed radical changes in our school laws, as indicated above, must command great attention and discussion with every probability that they will be condemned.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

On motion of R. M. Gibson, Esq., John C. Graham, Esq., of Chambersburg, Pa., being duly qualified, was sworn and admitted a member of the bar of this Court.

United States against a lot of cigars owned by William Walters. On motion of the United States Attorney, David Reed, Esq., the clerk is ordered to pay to T. W. Davis, the Collector of Internal Revenue, Twenty-second District, the amount in the Registry of the Court in this case, to-wit, $100.

United States vs. Francis J. Truesdale, principal, and A. S. Palmer and R. R. Wise, sureties. On motion of the United States Attorney, the Clerk is ordered to deposit to the credit of the United States Treasurer the amount in the Registry of the Court in this case, to wit, $280 92.

United States vs. Charles Schriner *et al.* On motion of the United States Attorney, judgment ordered to be entered in favor of the United States for $782 56, with interest from the 1st of April, 1869.

Staib & Co., bankrupts. The preliminary injunction issued against L. P. Chester was dissolved.

Robert J. Grier, bankrupt. On petition of assignee appointed, an order was made for the sale of a Jenny Lind wagon to J. C. Graham for the sum of $100.

District Court—Full Bench.

The plaintiffs in the case of McKinney's assignees vs. J. T. Woods *et al.* closed their testimony yesterday, before Judge White.

Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick are still engaged on the argument list.

Common Pleas—Judges Sterrett and Stowe.

In the case of McGrew & Co. vs. N. and J. Levy, an action for work and labor done, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs for $309 97.

In the matter of the appeal of David W. Bell, Esq., from the report of viewers appointed by the court to appraise the property as a site for Government buildings, the exceptions filed in this case were withdrawn by Mr. Bell.

In the case of the Hamilton Hall Cottage Company vs. A. L. Pearson, a juror was withdrawn and judgement of non-suit entered.

In the matter of the voluntary assignment of Harry Martin to H. Darlington, the bond of assignee was filed and approved.

L. Heilbroner vs. James Richie and George Richie, partners as Richie & Bro.: an action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for $184 43.

In the case of the Tenth Ward Bank vs. Wm. Fleming, an action to recover for money alleged to have been overdrawn, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant, certifying $268 62 in his favor.

Clark & Co. vs. John Allen, impleaded with Martin Frederick; an action on a mechanic's lien. Verdict for plaintiff for $177 99.

Catharine Sahl and George Sahl, surviving executrix and executor of the will of Leopold Sahl, deceased, vs. Charles Henry, surviving executor of the will of Anthony Benitz, deceased; an action to recover money. Verdict for plaintiffs for $567 64.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Collier.

John McBratney and Samuel Powell, tried for attempting to rob Matthew Morrow, an old man whom they knew to have had money in his possession, were convicted. Powell, on account of previous good character, was recommended to mercy. Morrow was attacked at night on Federal street, near Robinson, Allegheny, but before the assailants succeeded they were pounced upon by the police and arrested.

Commonwealth vs. Frank A. Eberhardt, indicted for burglary on oath of J. M. Clark. Jury out.

Robert Richmond and M. L. Gibson, indicted for larceny on oath of J. H. Burland are on trial. Defendants are charged with having stolen a number of hats from a store at the corner of Penn and Fifteenth streets.

Richard B. Irwin.

This gentleman, who is now figuring so conspicuously before the public in connection with the investigation into the affairs of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, is a son of the late Hon. W. W. Irwin for many years a distinguished resident of this city. He was one of the ablest members of the bar of his day, and for many years held prominent public positions. He was elected Mayor of this city in 1840, and soon after was chosen a representative to Congress from this district. He was subsequently appointed Minister to Denmark, and young Richard Biddle Irwin was born while his parents were residing abroad.

Commence With the New Year

to keep a bank account. Franklin Savings Bank, Allegheny, allows interest on time deposits. One dollar and upwards received.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

An Appeal for a Broader and More Philanthropic View.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

Has not the time arrived when intelligent Christians should take a broader and more philanthropic view of the temperance cause, and devise more intelligent and practical measures for the suppression of intemperance—that most comprehensive and universal evil to which our nation is exposed?

The cause and effect of the evil have been an exhaustless theme of discussion, but the remedy is not yet discovered. We have had repeated crusades against the enemy, yet he has not been routed. "Demetrius still retains his craft," enjoying sweet counsel with his friends over the internal dissensions which have arisen within the ranks of those who "threatened his gains." Are we then left to the painful inference "that a good cause has been made to tell in favor of a bad one?" Has the temperance cause been thus wounded in the house of its friends; while the enemy is prosecuting his work with fearful vigilance, the direful effects of which are painfully evident?

Were we to make an extended tour of the homes of the victims of intemperance in our cities, we should be appalled by the spectacle of poverty and degradation which would meet our view. Thousands of innocent children are daily exposed to the most degrading and loathesome scenes, thus being educated to become the future occupants of our jails and workhouses.

Who is responsible for all this woe and wretchedness in a free Christian community? Is this evil inevitably entailed upon us? If so, let us bear it with becoming resignation. If not, then let us assume the responsibilities which belong to us as Christian citizens. Were these obligations met, we might make a successful crusade against our most fearful national enemy. The question of ways and means, of operation, is an all important one in the present interests of the temperance cause, and presses heavily upon the hearts of those who are interested in the inebriate's home. The poor inebriate and his wretched family cannot be permanently benefited by any relief societies. There are no Sheltering Arms sufficiently ample to enfold them, save those of the merciful Father above.

This subject has been considered by many scientific no less than Christian philanthropists, and has resulted in the establishment of inebriate asylums in various sections of our country, where the victims of intemperance have been treated medically and morally, as their case demanded. Many have thus been restored to usefulness who otherwise would have become inmates of our criminal institutions, or filled dishonored graves. It is a sad fact that there are many occupants of our workhouses and jails, who are more justly subjects for an inebriate asylum.

Is there not a demand for such an institution in our community? While our merchants and artisans are forming associations for the protection and furtherance of their interests, will they not consider also the interests of their unfortunate brothers, many of whom, with them, once occupied positions of honor and trust,—and grant them such an opportunity to restore their lost manhood, and return to their former pursuits? Meanwhile, their impoverished families can be effectually aided, and the light of hope be rekindled in the despairing bosoms.

There is another class who claim our keenest solicitude: The young men of our cities who are in danger of becoming one with that we have considered. Yes, although they may be indignant at the assertion, many of them are being educated in the same school, the drinking saloon and fashionable club rooms, all tending toward the same fatal terminus.

Citizens of Pittsburgh, can you afford to support schools for the education of your sons in vice and immorality? Be assured you will reap a terrible income from your investment. It is not difficult to calculate the results. The experiment has been repeated; the results are inevitably the same.

You have the power to banish these vile institutions from our community. You give us laws for protection against theft and the various criminal offenses to which we are exposed. Will you not give us a law to protect us against an evil which is the occasion of two-thirds of all the crimes committed in our land?

We are told that such a law cannot be enforced. If the sentiment of the people is such that a righteous law for the public good will not be enforced, the fact but proves the necessity of such a law, to act as a school-master to bring the people up to the requisite height.

We would make an earnest appeal to all Christian citizens for their earnest co-operation, moral and legal, for such an elevation of public sentiment as shall result in the utter annihilation of the liquor traffic from our communities. For this end let us have sincere, earnest prayer, and faith, with *consistent* working in accordance with these sacred means, remembering that "faith without works is dead."

M. S. TAYLOR.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Meeting of the Board of Directors—Standing Committees Appointed—Formal Opening Arranged.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting yesterday afternoon.

It was decided to rent the second story of the Germania Bank building and fit the same up for use of the Board.

By-laws and rules and regulations were adopted, subject to the approval of the Chamber.

It was decided to have the formal opening of the rooms on the second Tuesday of January, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The petition, signed by one thousand citizens, asking that the Chamber of Commerce call a public meeting to consider the question of improving the water routes and completing the trans-continental railroads, was referred to the President of the Chamber, Hon. Thomas M. Howe, with request that such meeting be called.

The following standing committees were then appointed, after which the meeting adjourned:

ON FINANCE.
Capt. J. T. Stockdale, Chairman.
Jos. Albree,
A. H. Childs,
Geo. Dilworth,
Jonathan Gallagher,
C. Meyran,
R. H. Palmer,
John S. Slagle,
Jacob H. Walter.

ON ARBITRATION.
J. C. Lewis, Chairman.
Geo. A. Berry,
John W. Chalfant,
Geo. B. Edwards,
Edward Gregg,
Wm. G. Johnston,
W. P. Shinn,
George A. Kelly,
Josiah King,
Alex. Nimick,
B. Preston,
Frank Rahm,
C. Yeager.

ON MANUFACTURES.
James I. Bennett, Chairman.
D. F. Agnew,
Wm. Flaccus,
—— Bailey;
Simon Beymer,
R. C. Schmertz,
Samuel Jacobus,
D. C. Clapp,
Wm. Vankirk,
Charles McGowan,
Edw. T. Dravo,
Wm. Rea,
John H. Ricketson,
—— Eisner,
C. C. Hussey,
D. W. C. Carroll,
Alex. Speer,
B. F. Jones,
Robert H. Dalzell,
R. S. Waring,
Fred. Metzgar.

ON TRANSPORTATION.
Wm. McCreery, Chairman.
J. A. Caughey,
H. Holdship,
A. U. Howard,
H. W. Oliver,
W. P. Dogan,
George P. McBride,
C. G. Hussey,
Jos. Walton,

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A Haul of Stolen Property.

Frank Holland, alias Hall, who was arrested on a charge of stealing a pistol and six dollars from the tavern of Michael Joyce, near the "Point," and upon whom, besides Joyce's property, were also found a number of handkerchiefs marked with the name of Charles McChesney, was yesterday committed to jail for trial, on two charges of larceny, informations having been made against him by both Mr. Joyce and Mr. McChesney. The last named gentleman resides on Rebecca street, Allegheny, and his house was visited Monday afternoon by thieves, during the absence of the family, who carried away clothing, jewelry, household articles and other goods to the value of over four hundred dollars, besides one hundred and thirty dollars in money. Among the articles stolen were two suits of clothes belonging to Mr. McChesney, three boys' suits, shirts, underwear, napkins, jewelry, etc. When Holland was brought out of his cell yesterday Mr. McChesney identified the pants, coat, vest, shirt and sleeve buttons, worn by the prisoner, as his property. Another search was made, and several finger rings, watch chain, pistol, and a pair of bracelets were found secreted on his person, the articles having been overlooked when the first examination was made. Subsequently a search warrant was issued, and Detective Pender visited the house of Holland's parents, on Virgin alley, where he found three suits belonging to Mr. McChesney's little boy, besides a number of shirts and other articles which had been taken.

Directors of the Franklin Savings Bank,

Allegheny: George R. Riddle, of Riddle, Coleman & Co., President; D. Macferron, City Treasurer; J. W. Hall, attorney; Simon Drum, hardware merchant; R. H. Knox, contractor; George D. Riddle, Secretary Ben Franklin Insurance Company; R. W. Cartwright, of Stevenson & Cartwright.

Several Millions

in value represented by stockholders in Franklin Savings Bank, Allegheny, who are individually liable to depositors. No better security offered anywhere.

A NEW RAILROAD WANTED.

How the Baltimore and Ohio Can Secure a Lake Connection With Pittsburgh.

The subject of securing a direct line of communication between Pittsburgh and the lakes, to connect with the Pittsburgh, Washington and Baltimore road at Pittsburgh, has been discussed considerably of late. The Baltimore and Ohio Company are anxious to secure such a link as will give them, by way of Pittsburgh and Connellsville, a direct line to the lakes, and, in the last annual report of the directors of that company, it is stated that this link will be supplied at no very distant day. A correspondent of the Erie *Dispatch*, who seems to have given the matter some thought, publishes in that paper an outline of a project which he deems feasible, first premising that "a new and shorter route than the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad, between the two cities, is certainly both possible and desirable," and that "there is no railroad corporation in the country which it would benefit more to put it through than the Baltimore and Ohio Company."

The correspondent then marks out his route as follows: "Leaving the Connellsville road near Braddock station—[The mouth of Nine Mile run is probably intended, as a route has already been surveyed from that point]—crossing through the eastern part of the city, and striking the Allegheny at the mouth of Negley's run; crossing the river by a bridge; continuing up the valley of Pine creek to its source in Butler county; following Brush creek valley to the Connoquenessing valley, in Lawrence county, and down the latter to its mouth at Beaver river, a few miles below New Castle; thence up to New Castle, to connect with the New Castle and Franklin road, just completed up the Neshannock valley to Mercer, and thence to Stoneboro, on the Franklin division of the Lake Shore road, from thence the line continues on until it strikes French creek, near the outlet of Conneaut lake, below Meadville; thence up to Meadville, and on to Venango borough, where the valley of French creek is left; thence up Conneaut lake to Edinboro, and on through Washington, McKean, Summit and Mill Creek townships to Erie." The correspondent adds:

"Connections will be made at Pittsburgh with roads centering there: at New Castle with the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad, and that leading to Youngstown, O. At Mercer it will connect with the Shenango and Allegheny Railroad for the oil regions of Butler county and the upper Allegheny; also with Greenville, Pa., on the west. At Stoneboro we connect with the Lake Shore Railroad for Ashtabula and Oil City and at Meadville for Franklin and points northeast and southwest. At Erie with the roads here and the lake vessels.

"In Allegheny, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties large bodies of coal would be opened up to market which now have none. The oil field of Butler county would become tributary to the road by means of pipe lines, and the Shenango and Allegheny Railroad, New Castle, Mercer and Meadville would have increased facilities for bringing in Lake Superior ore, and Meadville has now, I might say, none. Meadville and Erie could then get coal from twenty to thirty miles nearer than now, and competition would cheapen the article. All these places would have superior inducements for engaging in manufacturing, which is a great promoter of substantial prosperity. The road would pay, pay largely, and pay the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to build it better than any other company, as far as I can see."

HORSERADISH.

Messrs. Heinz, Noble & Co. Prosecuting Counterfeiters.

The St. Louis *Republican*, of Friday, contains the following:

Heinz, Noble & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., and St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of a preparation of horseradish, which they put up in bottles and sell to the trade, recently caused R. A. Stranahan, Dr. James C. Whitehill, and others connected with the English Pickle Company of this city to be arrestad upon the charge of counterfeiting the label affixed by the first named firm to their bottles containing their preparation of horseradish. The case came up for trial in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday, and a large number of witnesses were examined as to the similarity between the labels of Heinz, Noble, & Co., and the one used by the English Pickle Company, and as to whether the latter was a counterfeit of the former. The case was argued at length by Judge George Dennison for the defendants and by Henry M. Collier, Esq., of New York, and J. R. Burnett, of this city, for Heinz, Noble & Co. The defendants, Whitehill & Stranahan, were found guilty and a fine of $1,000 imposed upon each of them.

The defendents had previously caused J. Dentler Graves to be arrested for perjury, in swearing out the warrant against them, and upon the announcement of the decision of Judge Colvin, the case against Graves was dismissed.

HEAVY MAIL ROBBERY.

Registered Letters Stolen from a Postal Car.

On the night of Monday, the 14th inst., a bold and successful mail robbery was perpetrated on a train going east from this city. Some fifty odd registered letters were carried off, and no trace of the robbers has been obtained. The occurrence has been kept very quiet, but, we understand, an investigation is now going on. The train left this city, for Philadelphia, at about four o'clock, and the postal agents had in their charge some sixty or more registered letters for delivery at the Postoffice in the city named. At Altoona, contrary to orders, as stated, the agents left the car to get supper. Subsequently, when the train was on its way between Altoona and Huntingdon, the loss was discovered and nothing could be learned as to any one entering the car. It is said that the keys of the passenger coaches unlocked the postal cars. The two postal agents in charge of the mail were Mr. Owens, of Lewistown, and Mr. Elder, of this city. Upon reaching Philadelphia they gave information of their loss, and an investigation was ordered.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed of record in the office of Ralph J. Richardson, County Recorder, December 21, 1874:

PITTSBURGH.	
Thirty-fourth ward—Trustees Jas. Wood, deceased, to Joseph F. Minick, August 11, 1874; lease of lot 40x90 feet, Carson street; rent per year	$ 800
Thirty-sixth ward—Stephen Woods to Jos. F. Minick, May 28, 1873; two lots, 11 and 12, Woods & Brown's plan, Main street	3,200
Thirty-second ward—A. R. Carpenter to Jacob Wilbert, April 10, 1872; one-sixth interest in six lots, Mason street, 240x127½ feet	400
Thirty-second ward—Jacob Wilbert to George Kim, November 20, 1874; lot on Bedford street, 127½x140 feet	7,250
Twentieth ward—Thomas A. Mellon to Jane Morgan, November 9, 1874; lot 25x100 feet, Oak street—nominal.	
ALLEGHENY.	
Third ward—Fred. Altwater to Bernard Thaner, November 27, 1874; lot, Third street, 19 5-6x104 feet	4,250
BOROUGHS.	
Etna—Andrew Statler to Margaret Ott, June 8, 1874; lot 30x157 feet, Pine street	2,175
Etna—Henry Ochse to Andrew Statler, April 1, 1871; lot above mentioned	850
TOWNSHIPS.	
Union—Isaiah Throp to Thomas Renshaw, December 10, 1873; two acres land	1,750
PITTSBURGH. DECEMBER 22, 1874.	
Twenty-third ward—Geo. H. Anderson to Geo. K. Flower, March 31, 1874; 2 acres and 106.94 perches land	$7,000
Twenty-fifth ward—Joseph Keeling to John Draper, April 15, 1873; lot 20x60 feet Merriman's alley	$700
Fourteenth ward—John McAfee to Michael Cahill, March 4, 1873; lot 24x66 feet, Forbes street	$850
Sixth ward—Wm. Redding to Michael Cahill, April 6, 1860; lot 16x110 feet Fifth avenue	$1,000
Seventeenth and Twenty-seventh wards—Thomas Davy to Harriet P. Houlden, December 15, 1874; lots Forty-fifth street Seventeenth ward 20x100 feet, and lot Bingham street, 21x120 feet	nominal.
Same—Robert Houlden and wife to Thomas Davy, December 15, 1874; same lots	nominal.
Thirty-fifth ward—W. J. Ritchie to Wilkins Linhart, July 1, 1874; lot on High street, 68.65x62.50 feet	$2,300
Eighteenth ward—David McKee to Louis McCroskey, August 22, 1874; lot on Stanton avenue, 40x120 feet	nominal.
Third ward—James K. Kerr to C. G. Hussey, December 17, 1874; lot 32x93.42 feet, Fifth avenue, with buildings	$100,000
Seventeenth ward—Clarence P. Tiers to Wm. F. Wilson, October 13, 1874; lot on Forty-second street, 20x— feet to an alley	$1,000
Eleventh ward—Jas. Blakeley to John Culbertson, December 10, 1874; lot on Colwell street, 20x101.20 feet	$2,250
ALLEGHENY.	
Willis street—Thos. D. Chautler to James Armstrong, December 18, 1874; lot 40x100 feet	$1,200
Fayette street—Sheriff Hare to Fred. D. Eichelman, December 5, 1874; lot 20x150 feet	$100
Seventh ward—W. B. Rodgers to John Huckestein, November 9, 1874; lot 25x50 feet	nominal.
BOROUGHS.	
Tarentum—Chas. A. Abbott to John Conner, November 5, 1874; lot on Second street, 86x120 feet	$280
Same place—Nathaniel Miller, administrator to Charles A. Abbott, October 17, 1873, same lot as above	$250
McKeesport—H. L. Bollman to J. W. Bailie, December 9, 1874; lot, on Market street, 120x140 feet	$10,000
McKeesport—Ashie Vankirk to Edward Cox, August 5, 1874; lot on Whigham street, 12x32 feet	$1,460
TOWNSHIPS.	
Mifflin—James Little to John G. S. Little, December 2, 1874; lot on Arnium street, 65.50x110 feet	$100
Franklin—Wm. Vandevert, administrator to Thomas Robertson, December 16, 1874; one-sixth interest in twenty-five acres land	$300
Kilbuck—Wm. McQueen to Harry E. Billington, April 1, 1874; lot 85⅝x82 feet	$700
Kilbuck—Same to Thos. L. Bratt, April 1, 1874; lot 100x293 feet	$780

Coal Shipments.

Following is a statement of the coal shipments yesterday:

	Towboats.	Barges.	Bushels.
Cincinnati	22	216	2,547,000
Louisville	16	167	1,883,000
New Orleans	1	10	120,000
Total	39	393	4,550,000

The Temperance Union fair opened last evening and was well attended.

THE INDUSTRIAL INTSITUTE.

Preparations for an Exposition Next Fall.

The Tradesmen's Industrial Institute held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Thos S. Mitchell presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was the adoption of by-laws, and to conider the expediency of holding an industrial exposition here next fall.

Mr. Vannote, Secretary, announced that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors it was suggested that the number of directors be fixed at thirteen instead of nine, as was first proposed. This was considered expedient in order that the different business interests of the city might be represented.

On motion the suggestion of the Board fixing the number at thirteen was adopted, and Messrs. James B. Lyon, Jacob H. Walter, A. M. Brown and Joshua Rhodes were added to the Board.

The by laws as submitted and revised by the directors were then read and on motion adopted.

Mr. Vannote offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Board of Directors of the Tradesmen's Industrial Institute should proceed without delay to take such steps as are necessary for making an extensive exhibition of manufacturing, industrial and agricultural products in this vicinity during the early fall of 1875, and to that end we advise the securing at once of a guarantee fund sufficient to warrant them in organizing plans and obtaining facilities for conducting such an exhibition on a metropolitan scale, soliciting subscriptions thereto from the merchants, manufacturers, hotel proprietors, transportation lines and moneyed institutions of Allegheny county.

The directors, he said, had the matter fully under consideration and they thought that steps should immediately be taken for holding the exhibition. They had met with considerable encouragement in their project, about $50,000 having already been offered for the purpose, while other persons would no doubt subscribe liberally.

The resolution was adopted, as was also another resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of fifty citizens to aid in the preparations.

Adjourned.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

A rather small audience witnessed the second performance of "The Virginian" last evening. The performance of the play met with its approval, however, and its applause was frequent. We have already noticed the effective acting of Mr. Aiken as *Van Vernon*, and the commendable personations given by the supporting actors. We desire to call attention, however, to the carefully studied presentation of the character of *Cromwell Calvert* by Mr. Crompton, which, although a subordinate part, is so perfectly performed as to make it well worthy of special note. The play will be repeated this evening.

"The Bohemian Girl."

The sale of reserved seats for the performance of the "Bohemian Girl," by the Gounod Club, at Library Hall, on Monday evening next, will commence at Kleber & Bro.'s, 122 Wood street, to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Academy of Music.

Despite the weather—which was as bad as there was any occasion for—there was a much larger attendance at the Academy last evening than on Monday. The "French Spy" was repeated, Mlle. Marietta Ravel being the *Mathilde*, with its various changes. She has personated this character a great many times, and does it very nicely, indeed. She is graceful in every movement, and as the Arab boy is specially fine. The company is well up in the business of the piece, and did their part of the work well. This evening the beautiful play of the "Dumb Boy of Manchester" and "Robert Macaire" will be given.

A grand bill of attractions is in active preparation for the two performances on Christmas Day, and those who propose to attend should secure seats in advance, as there will be big audiences.

Fifth Avenue Theater.

There was a marked improvement in the attendance at the Fifth Avenue Theater last evening, when Mr. Hernandez Foster, supported by Mr. Price, Mr. Graham, Mr. Langdon, Miss Brong and others of the Opera House company, gave a second representation of "Jack Harkaway." There is considerable of the comedy element in the play, some of the situations being very laughable; and there is enough of the tragic to suit the most bloodthirsty boy in the gallery. Mr. Foster was again well received and liberally applauded, while the *roles* of the other performers were generally well taken care of. "Jack Harkaway" will be given every evening this week.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

The Denier pantomime, "Humpty Dumpty," will be performed at the matinee this afternoon, in addition to the variety programme. It will also be repeated to-night, while the Faust family and others will help to interest and amuse the audience.

McEvoy's Hibernicon.

This exhibition seems never to tire the people, as, come as frequently as it may, it is always liberally patronized. Since Mr. McEvoy's last visit, he has had a number of marked improvements made in his always excellent panorama; while the artists engaged to work out the thread of comedy accompanying the pictures are the best that have yet been employed for that purpose. The audience last evening was a large and quite enthusiastic one, warmly applauding everything offered for their gratification. The panorama may be seen every evening, and at matinees on Christmas and Saturday.

The Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels.

The sale of seats for the nights of minstrelsy at Library Hall by Duprez & Benedict's fine company, now going on at Hale's music store, 103 Smithfield street, has been quite active, indicating full houses. Those who have not yet secured their places should do so at once.

Fourth Ward, Allegheny, Councilman.

The election for Councilman in the Fourth ward, Allegheny, yesterday, resulted as follows:

	Lare, Ind.	Walters, Ind.	Callery, Dem.
First district	37	33	77
Second district	51	33	60
Third district	15	48	71
Fourth district	5	119	138
Total	108	233	346

Callery over Walters, 113; over Lare and Walters, 5.

Ejectment Suits.

Messrs Luty and Carpenter, counsel for Joseph Weaver, yesterday entered suit in ejectment against J. K. Stewart and Wm. Weaver, for seventy acres of land in Findley township.

Judge Mellon also brought actions in ejectment against William Leaf, for property not described, and against Miss C. M. Dick, for two lots in Wilkinsburg. A summons was issued in each case.

Break of a Water Main.

About five o'clock last evening the eight-inch water main on Fifth avenue, near Dinwiddie street, burst, causing a flood on the street and stopping the supply of water not only from the neighborhood, but from the East Liberty valley. Superintendent Atkinson soon had a force of men at work repairing the break, and everything will be in good shape this morning.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE pumping engine "Samson," at the water works, is out of repair.

"SWEET are the uses of advertisements"—as Mrs. Partington once said to Ike.

MR. JAMES E. BURNS fell on the sidewalk when leaving church on Sunday evening and suffered the dislocation of his right shoulder.

THE new public school building for the Twenty-fourth ward, South Side, is now about completed. The four rooms on the first floor are now ready for use.

IF any one will take the trouble to examine the matter, he will find that those business men who do the most advertising are the most prosperous in business.

OFFICER CLEM. KREUTER last night arrested three lads named John Savage, John Burke and John Conley, while in the act of stealing hats at Ramaley's, on Fifth avenue. The trio were locked up at the Central Station House.

Two men named Peter Angel and Jerry Andrews tried to smuggle whisky to the prisoners at the lock-up last night, and the officer in charge locked them up in a cell. Andrews subsequently deposited ten dollars for his appearance this morning and was released.

THE will of the late Philip Paulin, of Allegheny city, was admitted to probate yesterday in the Register's office. Decedent bequeaths to his wife, Monica Paulin, all his property, real, personal and mixed, and appoints her sole executrix. The will is dated October 8, 1874.

THE County Commissioners yesterday awarded the contract for printing and binding Assessors' duplicates to Myers, Schoyer & Co. The bids were as follows: *Herald* Printing Company, 247; B. B. Coursin, $250; Stevenson & Foster, $259 40; Myers, Schoyer & Co., $235; Dickson & McKalip, $271 50.

THE Street Committee of Pittsburgh Councils met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of visiting that portion of Forbes street between Boyd and Chestnut where a change of grade is proposed, and that part of Forbes, between Boyd and Ross, which it is proposed to open, but owing to the inauspicious weather the committee deferred their visit till Tuesday, 29th inst.

THERE were three additions to the First Christian Church, Allegheny, by baptism on Sunday. The congregation is growing rapidly under the administrations of the pastor, Rev. Joseph King. An election of officers of the Sunday School Sunday afternoon, Jno. Watson, the present incumbent, was re-elected Superintendent.

Three Sheffield men have established in Savannah a manufactory where thirty per cent. of money can be realized by utilizing such things as old files. They recut them by hand.

Santa Claus.

FOR THE LADIES.
WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINE.

No holiday gift more useful, acceptable and cheering than a half-case W & W. Terms easy.

WHEELER & WILSON MFG. Co.,
MWF 149 Wood street, Pittsburgh.

Musical Holiday Goods.

Finest assortment at lowest prices of Pianos, Organs, Sheet Music, Music Books, Music Folios, Violins, Guitars, Music Boxes, Accordeons, etc., at Shieb's Music Store, 70 Fifth avenue.

CHRISTMAS PIANOS AND ORGANS.

Special Notice to Buyers.

We have now on hand the most elegant stock of pianos and organs, of all styles and prices, especially suited for the holiday trade. In accord with the spirit of the times we have reduced our prices to the *very lowest* that a *good reliable instrument* can be sold for. We can assure the public that we are now offering better pianos and organs for *less money* than has ever been known in Pittsburgh, and lower than any other house sells at, notwithstanding all the wholesale blowing in the newspapers that is done by some other dealers. In short, we challenge competition both for quality and price. We warrant fully every instrument we sell, and our warrantee is worth its face, which is of importance for a buyer to consider. We cordially invite all buyers to call and examine our stock. *We know we can suit you in an instrument, and you can save money by buying from us.*

MELLOR & HOENE,
53 Fifth avenue.

A Present for Your Legal Friend.

Campbell's Lives of the Chief Justices, 10 vols.
Campbell's Lives of the Lord Chancellors, 10 vols.
Montesquieu's Spirit of the Laws, 2 vols.
St. Germain's Doctor and Student, 1 vol.
Tyler's Life of Chief Justice Taney, 1 vol.
Kent's Commentaries, 4 vols.
Sharswood's Blackstone Commentaries, 4 vols.

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Writing desks and work boxes.
Portfolios and papetries.
Library inkstands and paper weights.
Gold pens and pencils.
Chess and backgammon boards.
Fine porcelain pictures.
Fine diaries for 1875.
Fine stationary and note papers.
Special attention is called to our fine assortment of
Writing desks, work boxes,
Bronze, gilt, ivory and pearl goods.
Russia leather pocket books, card cases and memorandums.
Call on your way up or down town.

Christmas Goods.

The assortment of watches, diamonds, jewelry, bronzes and silverware on exhibition at T. P. Bedilion's establishment is well worth an examination at the hands of any who desire to purchase anything in the line, and we trust such will pay him a visit.

The Weber Pianos.

Unexampled reduction in price for the holidays of these unrivaled instruments at the sole agency, Shieb's Music Store, 70 Fifth avenue.

ELEGANT PERFUMERY.

AND

Fancy Goods for the Holidays.

We are just in receipt of an elegant and large variety of toilet articles and perfumery, suitable for Christmas presents, including perfume cases, cut glass cologne bottles (with any name on desired) ivory hair brushes. Gold and silver vinegarettes. Fine English Rogers ivory brushes in setts and many other articles of rare beauty and elegance will be found at McCLARREN & McKENNAN'S. 85 Market street 67 Fifth avenue and corner Smithfield and Fifth avenue.

Also a full line of staple goods such as Lubin's extracts and soaps, Atkinson's extra White Rose, Low's toilet soaps. Fine English hair brushes and combs, Farria colognes, French plate hand mirrors.

Holiday Jewelry.

Mr. T. P. Bedilion, No. 75 Smithfield street, has made thorough preparations for the holiday trade, and invites the public to visit his establishment for the purpose of examining the goods. As the time is growing short, our readers will have but little time to visit different houses. They are assured, however, that Mr. Bedilion's stock is as fine as any in the city, and that he is thoroughly reliable.

The Man in the Moon

can be distinctly seen through one of P. F. Randolph's magnificent Kaleidescopes, one of which he presents to every customer at his clothing emporium No. 87 Smithfield street. But a big bargain is even more plainly visible to every one who examines his superb Broadway suits for men, youths, boys and children, and ascertains the prices at which they are sold. Mr. Randolph has determined to leave us, and any of our readers who patronize him before his return to New York will not only obtain the cheapest clothing they ever bought in all their lives, but besides get one of those monster Kaleidescopes for nix. Don't let the chance slip through your fingers.

Carpets.

We request the attention of housekeepers who contemplate refurnishing with carpets in the spring, to the advertisement of McFarland, Collins & Co., in another column. In consequence of extensive improvements which the firm are about making in one of their principal salesrooms, they have decided to sell out at extraordinarily low prices a great part of the stock on hand for want of room in which to handle it while they are pushing forward these improvements. Their stock is known to be first-class in every respect, and it will pay to buy at their present prices and keep the goods until wanted. In the course of a few weeks they expect to have open to the public one of the finest and best lighted salesrooms in the country, filled with new and fresh goods manufactured expressly for spring trade.

Holiday Gifts.

61 Fifth avenue.

Physicians

Recommend Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup when all other medicines fail, as a certain cure for Bronchitis, Sore Throat, and Coughs or Colds of long standing. For sale by all druggists.

Personal.

If you want a stylish suit that will fit you perfectly and give you unlimited satisfaction, you have only to leave your measure with C. A. Mulinbring, the popular merchant tailor, No. 28 Fifth avenue. His stock of imported goods is the largest and most varied one to be found in any establishment west of New York. He is patronized by the most fashionable gentlemen of this city, and his patrons are unanimous in the opinion that the garments furnished by him are equal in all respects to any turned out by the leading Broadway tailors.

The Poor Little Sufferer

will be immediately relieved by using Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures wind colic, allays all pain, and gives the child quiet, natural sleep, from which it awakes invigorated and refreshed.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Brownsville, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., December 22, 1874.

River 14 feet and falling. Raining.

Greensboro, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

GREENSBORO, PA., December 22, 1874.

River 10 feet and falling slowly. Raining.

Oil City, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

OIL CITY, PA., December 22, 1874.

River 22 inches and stationary. Some rain, with prospect of more.

Parker's Landing, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

PARKER'S LANDING, PA., December 22, 1874.

River 19 inches and stationary. Drizzling all day.

ST. LOUIS, December 22.—Arrived—Nail City and Alex. Swift, Ohio river. Departed—Colossal, Memphis; Raven, Cairo; Katie Lee, Vicksburg. River about stationary. Weather fair and warm, but freezing to-night.

CAIRO, December 22.—Arrived—Chas. Brown, St. Louis; Arlington, Cincinnati; Idlewild, Evansville. Departed—Sam Brown, Nashville; Savannah, Memphis. River 6 feet 10 inches and stationary. Weather clear; mercury 34.

VICKSBURG, December 22.—Down—Maude Yaeger. Weather clear and cool. River fell 8 inches.

NASHVILLE, December 22.—River still rising, with 13 feet 8 inches on the shoals. Weather cloudy and cold. Arrived and departed—Burkeville, Paducah; Silverthorn, Evansville. Departed—B. H. Cooke, Upper Cumberland.

Indianapolis Market.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 22.—Flour, grain and provisions quiet and unchanged in every respect.

CHARTIERS CEMETERY,

Near Idlewood Station, Pan Handle Railroad, six miles from the city by rail and four miles by the Temperanceville and Mansfield Pike.

Funerals from the city by either Rail or Carriages. Applications for Lots can be made to J. B. FIFE, Superintendent, at the Cemetery, or at the City Office, 187 Liberty street.

J. L. MARSHALL,
4p Secretary and Treasurer.

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Uniontown Ac.	6:30 a m	McKeesport Ac	6:45 a m
Through Mail..	8:00 a m	McKeesport Ac	7:35 a m
Mixed Way....	9:25 a m	W. Newton Ac	8:25 a m
McKeesport Ac.	11:00 a m	Through Ex.....	8:55 a m
McKeesport Ac	3:15 p m	Uniontown Ac.	10:15 a m
Uniontown Ac.	3:45 p m	McKeesport Ac	12:00 m
McKeesport Ac	4:20 p m	McKeesport Ac	2:00 p m
W. Newton Ac	5:15 p m	McKeesport Ac	6:10 p m
McKeesport Ac	6:20 p m	Uniontown Ac.	5:40 p m
Through Ex....	8:00 p m	McKeesport Ac	7:35 p m
McKeesport Ac	11:15 p m	Through Mail..	8:50 p m
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CITY TIME.

MAIN LINE EASTWARD.

Pacific Express daily, except Monday, at 2:51 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg at 12:05 p. m., Philadelphia 4:15 p. m., New York 7:35 p. m.

Day Express daily, at 7:56 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 3:45 p. m., Philadelphia 7:30 p. m., New York 10:30 p. m., Baltimore 7:30 p. m., Washington 9:10 p. m.

Mail Train daily, except Sunday, 8:11 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 8:40 p. m.

Atlantic Express, daily, 12:51 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 11:05 p m, Philadelphia 3:10 a m, New York 6:50 a m, Baltimore 3:25 a m, Washington 6:20 a m.

Philadelphia Express daily, except Sunday, 4:21 p m, arriving at Harrisburg 2:25 a m, Philadelphia 6:50 a m, New York 10:10 a m.

Fast line daily, at 7:51 p m, arriving at Harrisburg 4:13 a m, Philadelphia, 8:05 a m, New York 11:15 a m, Baltimore 7:45 a m, Washington 9:07 a m.

Wall's Accommodation, 6:51, 10:21, 11:46, a m, 2:41, 5:41, 6:11 and 11:11 p m. Sunday, 12:51 p m.

Brinton Accommodation, 6:06, a m, 5:01 and 9:21 p m. Sunday, 9:21 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation......7:16 p m
Johnstown Accommodation......3:34 p m

MAIN LINE WESTWARD.

Trains arrive at Union Depot (city time) as follows:

Mail Train daily, except Monday......1:21 a m
Fast Line daily, except Monday......1:41 a m
Pittsburgh Express daily, except Monday..6:56 a m
Cincinnati Express daily......7:41 a m
Pacific Express daily......1:41 p m
Way Passenger daily......8:21 p m

Wall's Accommodation 6:36, 9:01 a m, 1:21, 3:41, 5:46 and 7:51 p m. Sunday, 10:01 a m.

Brinton Accommodation, 7:31, and 8:21 a m, 7:11 and 11:11 p m. Sunday, 7:11 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation......9:21 p m
Johnstown Accommodation......9:41 a m

WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

From Federal Street Depot, Allegheny City,
City Time:

Mail Train, connecting for Butler......6:36 a m
Express, connecting for Butler......3:11 p m
Freeport Accommodation, 9:16 a m, and 4:46 p m. On Sunday at 12:51 p m.
Springdale Accommodation, 11:21 a m, 6:11, 8:41 and 11:16 p m.
Market Train for Butler......3:21 p m

Trains arrive at Federal Street Depot (city time):

Express, connecting from Butler......10:21 a m
Mail Train, connecting from Butler......5:46 p m
Freeport Accommodation, 8:16 a m and 1:41 p m. On Sunday, 9:51 a m.
Springdale Accommodation, 6:51 a m, 3:43, 7:11 and 11:16 p m.
Market Train from Butler......9:11 a m

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On and after MONDAY, November 23d, 1874 Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, (Pittsburgh Time,) as follows:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Hulton Ac......	6:40 a m	Hulton Ac......	6:30 a m
Buffalo Express	7:25 a m	Night Express.	7:00 a m
Kittanning Ac.	11:30 a m	Soda Works Ac	8:30 a m
Hulton Ac......	2:00 p m	Kittanning Ac.	10:00 a m
Titusville Ex..	2:40 p m	Hulton Ac......	1:30 p m
Kittanning Ac.	4:30 p m	Titusville Ex...	3:25 p m
Soda Works Ac.	5:55 p m	Kittanning Ac.	5:40 p m
Night Express..	8:25 p m	Pittsburgh Ex.	9:25 p m
Hulton Ac......	11:00 p m	Hulton Ac......	7:30 p m

Buffalo and Night Express Trains make direct connection for Buffalo.

Buffalo and Pittsburgh Express Daily—on Sundays to and from Oil City only. All other Trains Daily, except Sunday.

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On and after NOVEMBER 15, 1874, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, City Time, as follows:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Fast Line........	2:13 a m	Atlantic Ex......	2:33 a m
Chicago Mail....	6:13 a m	Wheeling Ex....	10:53 a m
Clev & W Mail..	6:53 a m	Chicago Ex......	12:28 p m
Erie and Ashtabula Ex........	7:53 a m	Erie and Ashtabula Ex......	2:43 p m
Chicago Ex......	9:53 a m	Chicago Mail....	3:43 p m
Clev & Whg Ex.	1:53 p m	Cleveland Ex....	3:53 p m
Pacific Express,	2:13 p m	Chicago and St. Louis Ex......	7:18 p m
Wellsville Ex...	4:28 p m	Cleve & W Ex..	7:33 p m
Erie & Wrn Ex..	4:38 p m	Erie and Ashtabula Ex......	11:28 p m
Depart from Allegheny.		Arrive in Allegheny.	
Beaver Falls Ac.	8:28 a m	Leetsdale Ac....	6:53 a m
Leetsdale Ac....	10:28 a m	Leetsdale Ac....	7:43 a m
Leetsdale Ac....	12:08 p m	Beaver Falls Ac	8:13 a m
Sharpsville and Ashtabula Ac.	1:13 p m	Enon Ac....	8:48 a m
Enon Ac....	3:48 p m	Sharpsville and Warren Ac....	9:53 a m
Leetsdale Ac....	5:13 p m	Leetsdale Ac....	12:53 p m
Beaver Falls Ac.	6:23 p m	Beaver Falls Ac	2:08 p m
Leetsdale Ac....	8:28 p m	Leetsdale Ac....	4:28 p m
Leetsdale Ac....	10:58 p m	Leetsdale Ac....	7:43 p m
Fair Oaks Sunday Church....	12:43 p m	Fair Oaks Sunday Church....	9:56 a m

Pacific Express Leaves Daily.
Chicago Express Arrives Daily.
Fast Line Leaves Daily. Mondays excepted.
Atlantic Express Arrives Daily, Mondays excepted.
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On and after SUNDAY, December 27th, 1874, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Fast Line.......	2:03 a m	McDonald's Ac	7:18 a m
Columbus Mail..	7:13 a m	Washington Ac	8:23 a m
Washington Ac	6:33 a m	Steubenville Ac	9:38 a m
Pacific Express	8:03 a m	Cincinnati Ex...	11:13 a m
McDonald's Ac.	12:14 a m	McDonald's Ac	3:43 p m
Pittsburgh Ex.	1:53 p m	Washington Ac	12:33 p m
Steubenville Ac	3:28 p m	Columbus Mail.	12:33 p m
Washington Ac	3:58 p m	Fast Line......	7:28 p m
Mansfield Ac	6:13 p m	Southern Ex....	3:33 a m
McDonald's Ac	10:58 p m	Mansfield Ac	7:40 p m
Sunday Church Train.....	12:48 p m	Sunday Church Train.....	10:05 a m

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